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Change of heart on town register office

STOURBRIDGE'S register office will not re-open when it moves out of the Crown Centre ahead of the building's £50million redevelopment.

Dudley Council bosses had originally been looking for alternative premises for the venue.

But they have now confirmed they will no longer be offering registrar's services in the town. Instead people will have to go to Priory Hall in Dudley to register births and deaths after the office closes in the autumn.

It is claimed the Crown Centre office was under-used.

Option

Council leader Les Jones said Mary Stevens Park had been considered as an option for wedding and civil ceremonies but was found to be unsuitable.

There has been a drop in the number of ceremonies held at the register office with 56 weddings taking place in 2010 compared with 83 during the previous year.

And Mr Jones said the venue was not used enough to justify the cost of re-opening it elsewhere.

"It is under-used," he said. "It is not being used to register anything very often. We are looking at £22million of cuts in the budget.

"We had to make tough decisions but I don't think closing the register office will be a great loss.

"Most people go to Priory Hall."

Work on the Crown Centre revamp creating new shops and a Tesco supermarket will begin next year. The adjoining Bell Street car park will be torn down as part of the plans which will see a new underground car park built in its place below the Tesco store.

Priority

The supermarket will create around 400 new jobs.

The firm says that applicants from Stourbridge will be given priority where possible.

The plans include a 543-space car park which would be accessed from Bell Street with the exit on Crown Lane.

Tesco hopes the superstore and centre will be opening its doors by Christmas 2012.

Alternative access to the town hall and library within the centre will be created during the works.

Bill Williams – jailed

Fresh claim made over fraudster

DETECTIVES have revealed they are to investigate yet more claims of fraud allegedly carried out by the disgraced former Tipton Town FC chairman Bill Williams.

Officers say they are probing a further three cases after the accountant was jailed for illegally pocketing more than £276,000 from the life insurance and pension policies of a murdered father.

Police spokesman Lee Page said: "We have had contact from three other people who claim they have been duped by Bill Williams."

Father-of-two Williams is just days into a five-and-a-half year prison term for taking cash owed to the daughter of murdered South Staffordshire company director Andrew Diack.

Williams, a grandfather of two of Chester Road, West Bromwich, spent the cash on luxury family holidays to the USA, season tickets at Aston Villa and lavish family parties.

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Inquiry on park rape allegation

A RAPE inquiry was launched this week after a young woman complained she was attacked in a Dudley park.

A tent was set up at the scene as police carried out forensic tests.

Officers were called to Grange Park, near the Himley Street entrance, at around 1.40am on Monday following reports of the serious sexual assault.

Insp Mark Wilson, from the public protection unit, said the victim was being interviewed by officers to collect evidence.

"It is very early stages of the investigation. The scene had been preserved to protect any evidence," he said.

A resident of nearby Walters Row, who did not want to be named, said they had heard police cutting through the lock of the gate at the park entrance in Himley Street at around 5.20am on Monday.

'I thought it was a hoax. Wonderful things like this don't happen to normal people like me.'

QUEEN'S HONOUR FOR JANE

Families – Jane Chapman MBE

A STOURTON social worker has been honoured by the Queen for her dedication and services to families across the borough.

Jane Chapman has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours recognising her work for The Living Springs project, which has been helping single mothers since 1989.

The project, based at Barratts Coppice Farmhouse on Bridgnorth Road, was set up by Mrs Chapman and her husband Robert after they suffered four miscarriages.

By Sarah Hazelwood

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The couple became concerned that young women in such a situation did not get enough support.

Boasting 35 staff and volunteers the project has gone from strength to strength and now also takes in single fathers and vulnerable families.

The 59-year-old project leader, from Kinver, plans to expand the services even further by helping young parents get back into work and live independently in their local community.

She said: "It is an amazing honour I just can't believe it, I thought it was a hoax when I first received the letter.

"Wonderful things like this don't happen to normal people like me, but none of it would have been possible without the staff and volunteers. It has been a long hard slog over the years but we always strive for better things and have great hopes for the future.

"To witness how big it has grown from our initial dream is wonderful; it really has developed from nowhere and I am so proud."

Since the couple first started out 22 years ago they have helped more than 600 families.

Their current £750,000 housing project looks set to help hundreds more with work on new accommodation units expected to end this year.

Saddling up for an epic

Steve Jones and Rob Smart prepare for the marathon journey

STOURBRIDGE friends Steve Jones and Rob Smart are tall in the saddle for an epic bike ride.

The two 26-year-olds have entered the London to Paris bike ride in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. They will be covering 300 miles in just four days, starting from St Pancras station on August 17 and finishing at the Eiffel Tower on August 20.

Steve, who works for npower and Rob, who is employed by Structural Design Partnership Ltd, have been friends since before they could walk, let alone ride a bike.

Both attended Greenfield Primary School and then Redhill Secondary. Steve is a keen downhill mountain biker, and Rob a regular cross-country cyclist.

They aim to raise at least £1,400 each for Macmillan. Anyone willing to sponsor them should go to the website www.justgiving.com/teams/london2paris.

Pub is shut as landlord goes

A PUB in Stourbridge has shut suddenly after the landlord decided to call time following a dispute with the brewery.

The Cross Sports Bar at Oldswinford, Stourbridge, is empty after landlord Wayne Etheridge moved.

Marston's Brewery has filed to declare him bankrupt and the firm is looking for a new licensee.

Mr Etheridge says he is facing a £40,000 fine for breaking tenancy conditions, but has moved to manage the nearby Britannia in Wollaston High Street after a dispute with owners of The Cross.

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B&B at the brewery in bid to help out visitors

VISITORS may soon be able to stay in the same building as a Lye micro-brewery if upper floors become a guest house.

The first floor flat above the Windsor Castle Inn, Stourbridge Road, Lye, which also houses the Sadler's Ales brewery, would become three bed-and-breakfast style rooms for guests.

Two existing bedrooms would get en-suite bathrooms, with a separate shower room with access into the hallway in plans costing up to £40,000.

Owner John Sadler has put in plans in a bid to boost trade – creating at least two new jobs.

"All being well, if plans are approved, we would like to begin work in September or October and be done by Christmas," he said.

"We are very much looking forward to getting it up and running and I think it will complement the services we already have on-site, including two excellent chefs."

Mr Sadler said the move was in response to demand from customers who visit to brew ale.

"We get a lot of visitors from across the country and are always receiving requests from them for accommodation, so we know the custom and demand is there," he said.

Production

"We have rooms available for them so we decided to go ahead with it."

Sadler's was founded in Oldbury in 1900 by Mr Sadler's grandfather, Thomas Sadler.

It ceased production in 1927 but relaunched seven years ago.

The business recently received a thumbs-up from supermarket giant Sainsbury's, shaking hands on a deal for 20,000 bottles of its Worcester Sorcerer Ale to hit the shelves in September.

The deal, part of a national competition, will see the ale go on sale for six weeks alongside 15 others from across the country.

If it is chosen as one of the winners, it will receive an order from Sainsbury's for six months.

Driver lands big bill

A TAXI driver who picked up passengers outside a pub when not licensed to do so has been told to pay £545.

Mohammed Shafiq, aged 57, was seen waiting outside the Bell Hotel, Bell Street, Stourbridge, by officers on an undercover Dudley Council operation.

Shafiq, of Hungary Hill, Stourbridge, took them to the Ruby Cantonese restaurant, Amblecote, Dudley magistrates heard.

An inspection revealed he was only licensed to collect passengers who booked in advance.

Shafiq said: "I had just dropped someone off and these two people approached me and asked me to take them."

He admitted plying for hire when not licensed and using a motor vehicle without third party insurance and was fined £135 for the plying offence, £200 for the insurance charge, and told to pay costs of £195.

History on canal walk

A CANALSIDE walk uncovering Dudley's history is taking place.

Historian Graham Fisher MBE is holding a two-hour guided walk on June 25 at the Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge, at 11am.

Walkers will be guided along the Stourbridge canal, past the Ruskin Glass Centre and to the Red House Glass Cone.

The tour is also being held on July 24 and August 29. To book call 01384 812745.

Solar panels for hundreds of houses

SOLAR PANELS and wall insulation will be installed on hundreds of council homes in Dudley under new £5.5million plans to help tenants save money on their heating bills.

The scheme will be rolled out across the Priory area and could result in savings of up to £600 per year for some, Dudley Council says.

In a £3m scheme funded by E.ON, more than 300 homes will receive external solid wall insulation.

Around 100 homes will get cavity insulation and about 200 will receive new energy efficient boilers.

Insulation

Homes may also qualify for top-up loft insulation and draught proofing works.

Dudley Council will also carry out £2.5m improvements, including double glazing and solar PV panels on more than 200 homes, generating electricity worth up to £100 per year.

Further consultation is planned over the next two months.

If approved, work is due to start later this year.

It follows a similar £1.4m E.ON scheme in Pensnett earlier this year.

Cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning, Councillor Adrian Turner, said: "The council is excited to once again be working with E.ON."

Pupils keep it local with history lessons

PUPILS from Wordsley have explored the history of Black Country life and industry during a packed week of activities.

Children from Ashwood Park Primary School, Wordsley, saw glassmaking, experienced life on a canal narrowboat and watched performances from drama groups.

Headteacher Steve Hudson said the school wanted pupils to learn about the culture and history of their own region.

He said: "Often schools will teach pupils about different cultures, but sometimes pupils don't know a lot about the history of the place they live in.

"This has been a chance for them to discover more about the Black Country when it was the powerhouse of the world."

Year six pupils visited Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone to speak to glassmakers.

They made their own glass tiles.

Earlier this week children were given the chance to visit a narrowboat and they even held their own marble tournament.

Patrick Dean, aged 10, front, with fellow pupils, from left, Laura Hughes, 10, Rhys Williams and Saskia DeHavilland, both aged 11, and tiles they made

Outdoor setting for Bard classic

A PERFORMANCE of Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew will be held in the outdoor amphitheatre at a Wyre Forest beauty spot.

The Festival Players Theatre Company will stage the performance at the Bishops Wood Centre at Crossway Green, near Stourport on June 25.

The play will be performed as it would traditionally have been done in Shakespeare's day – with an all-male cast playing several roles each.

The production also features an original score by composer and folk performer, Johnny Coppin.

Coppin, who founded folk-rock band Decameron, numbers former England wicket-keeper Jack Russell among his fans.

Beautiful

Head of Bishops Wood Centre John Rhymer said: "This is a new departure for Bishops Wood. We have a beautiful site which provides the ideal setting for this outdoor production.

"The warm, light nights are a great opportunity to get family and friends together to enjoy a picnic and this wonderful performance."

The performance starts at 7.30pm.

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All aboard for a sale of paintings

A 19TH CENTURY oil painting of the Birmingham to Kidderminster stagecoach The Invincible is expected to sell for up to £4,000 when it goes under the hammer this month.

Owned by Godfrey and Co, the stagecoach ran from Swan Hotel, Birmingham to Lion Hotel, Kidderminster.

The Lion Hotel, at the top of High Street, which closed in 1963, was once the town's most important inn.

The 16th century hotel was owned by the Lords of the Manor, the Foleys and later the Earls of Dudley.

The painting, which is by an unknown English artist, is included in Halls' auction of fine paintings, silver and jewellery at the Welsh Bridge saleroom in Shrewsbury on June 29.

Art specialist William Lacey said: "This charming painting is in a naive style and shows the stagecoach travelling at full tilt and being chased by a competitor in clouds of dust."

The Invincible preserved on canvas

Also included in the auction is a painting by well-respected Royal artist John Ward titled The Reflection, which is valued at up to £4,000 and shows a young lady sitting on a bed looking at herself in a mirror.

A highly regarded society portrait artist, Ward carried out several commissions for the Royal family and gave the Prince of Wales his first professional lessons in painting.

Accomplished

Another interesting painting, titled A break from Ploughing, by William Shayer (1787-1879), is also valued at up to £4,000 and depicts a ploughman's family enjoying lunch at the edge of a field with their horses beside them.

An accomplished artist, Shayer specialised in accurate portrayals of the English countryside and rural life.

For more information about the paintings contact Mr Lacey at the Welsh Bridge, Shrewsbury on 01743 284777.

Driver is robbed at lights

A ROBBER held a motorist at knifepoint and fled with his wallet as the car waited at a set of traffic lights near Stourbridge.

It happened as the man, in his 30s, was driving a white Ford Focus along the B4188 Belbroughton Road towards Blakedown, near Stourbridge.

He had just pulled up at the Hackman's Gate junction when the attack happened last Friday afternoon.

The robber, who had a small black dog with him, walked into the middle of the road to open the car door and demanded the driver's wallet while threatening him with a knife, say police.

The driver handed over his wallet, containing cards and a small amount of cash, then drove off.

Lloyd Webber may help Lion works

A STOURBRIDGE foundry which pioneered the manufacture of steam locomotives is in line to benefit from a £2million fund set up by English Heritage and Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The Foster and Rastrick Foundry site in Lowndes Road, Stourbridge, has been named on a list of historic buildings being considered for the Challenge Fund, which supports efforts to save Grade I and II* listed buildings.

The Grade II* building has been on English Heritage's register as being seriously at risk since 1999.

It has stood empty for more than eight years, rapidly falling into disrepair and repeatedly targeted by vandals.

Campaigners have warned that the building is in severe danger of falling beyond repair if urgent action is not taken.

Lord Lloyd Webber

Plans to transform the site, which contains four other listed buildings, into a medical complex were submitted by landowners Quadrant Land Partnership and approved last year.

The new fund will mean that any local building preservation trust or other volunteer groups willing to work to save country houses, churches and industrial buildings – such as the foundry – can apply for grants of up to £200,000.

Other potential projects to benefit from the fund include schemes to save the Victoria pavilion at Morecambe Winter Gardens and Dawe's Twine Works in West Coker, Somerset.

Solution

"I am delighted that my foundation will be contributing to a solution for at least some of England's 1,600 Grade I and II* buildings at risk," said Lord Lloyd Webber.

The 30,000sq ft healthcare complex planned for the Stourbridge foundry site would be named The Lion Medical Centre in recognition of the foundry having manufactured the first steam locomotive to run commercially on rails in America in 1829, known as the Stourbridge Lion.

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Theatre group's VIP visit to ambassador

A JET-SETTING theatre group is getting ready to tread the boards at Stourbridge Town Hall next week following a successful jaunt to Europe.

Actors and dancers from Side by Side Theatre Company are bringing their new show – Who is Pilgrim? – home after wowing audiences at the Prague Fringe Festival.

The troupe of learning disabled actors took part in the week-long festival from May 27 to June 4, performed for British Ambassador Sian MacLeod and her family – and got a tour of the residence.

By Tim Spiers

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The ambassador had been informed of the group's visit by former EastEnders actor turned MEP Michael Cashman and was so impressed that she invited the entire cast to tour the Embassy during their stay.

Susan Wallin, Side by Side's artistic director, said: "We have performed four times at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and also in Sweden, but being invited to the British Embassy was an amazing new experience for us; we felt like royalty.

"Ours was the only Fringe show that the ambassador got to see as she has such a busy schedule and she thought it was amazing.

"The entire week was a great success and everyone who saw the play said what a wonderful piece of theatre it was."

Who is Pilgrim? is loosely based on the John Bunyan novel Pilgrim's Progress and follows the lead character along a dream-like journey of self discovery.

Side by Side has no regular funding and relies solely on donations, grants, fundraising events and the support of a team of dedicated volunteers.

Who is Pilgrim? will be performed at Stourbridge Town Hall from next Wednesday to Friday (June 22-24).

Tickets are available online at www.sidebysidetheatrecompanystourbridge.co.uk or by calling 01384 395350.

British Ambassador Sian MacLeod, centre, welcomes Side by Side members to the residence in Prague

Back to forties

WYRE FOREST Symphony Orchestra's next concert on Saturday, July 2 at Kidderminster Town Hall coincides with a 1940s weekend at the Severn Valley Railway.

So the performance will feature music played in, composed in or inspired by the events of those years.

Film music will include The Dambusters while composers will include Elgar, Bliss, Coates, Williams and Beethoven.

Tickets: 01562 732158 and 01299 404740.

Vandals attack track

VANDALS have halted meetings at The Dell athletics stadium in Dudley. They set fire to a high jump crash mat, melting part of the synthetic track and damaging the grandstand roof. It is the latest in a series of attacks at the facility in Bryce Road, which is used for training and competition meetings by Dudley and Stourbridge Harriers.

College jobs go

FIFTEEN members of staff at Dudley College face compulsory redundancy as bosses struggle to cope with Government cuts.

A further 25 have been approved for voluntary redundancy or have left through natural wastage.

College principal Lowell Williams said the process would continue through the summer.

The final number of compulsory redundancies would be decided in September, added Mr Williams.

Big talent night is set to give the KIDS a boost

A DANCE and drama club from Stourbridge is hosting a talent evening to raise much needed funds for the group.

Members of the Lets Dance and Drama group from The KIDS Orchard Centre, on the Lye-By-Pass, will perform at The Netherton Arts Centre, tomorrow (June 17), at 6.30pm.

KIDS West Midlands is a charity for disabled children and young people which provides social and family support activities.

The groups, which boast 28 members aged between five and 25, want to raise as much as they can to allow the clubs to continue running.

An array of other acts will also get the chance to show their talents before KIDS staff and parents and carers, whose children attend the centre, will also take to the stage for a specially prepared routine.

Anna Billingham, aged 26, senior practitioner at KIDS, said: "The funds we raise will all go back into the running of the services. We want to really make this a night to remember."

Everyone is welcome and those interested in taking part should contact Anna via e-mail at anna.billingham@kids.org.uk or by calling 01384 897489. Tickets are £5 for adults and £4 concessions and are available on the door.

Stourbug's trainees to hit the road

EIGHTY CYCLISTS from Stourbug (Stourbridge Bicycle User Group) will take to the roads on Saturday to kick off Bike Week 2011.

Groups of cyclists, who will all be dressed in the red Stourbug cycling strip, will head out into South Staffordshire across three different routes – 40 miles, 50 miles and 100km (63 miles) before arriving at Mary Stevens Park at about 3.15pm.

The event is the culmination of many months' training following Stourbug's plea at the beginning of the year for people to "get on their bikes" and sign up for a 40-mile challenge.

Since then the new "trainees" have spent months building up their stamina by going on progressively longer training rides round the area in a bid to be at full fitness for the challenge.

They have shaped up so well that Stourbug has put on additional 50-mile and 63-mile routes to cater for the more ambitious.

Achievement

Stourbug chairman Russell Eden said: "We are hoping that family and friends will gather at Mary Stevens Park to welcome the riders back after their challenge.

"For most of the trainees who started in February this will be the furthest they have ever cycled and it is a fantastic achievement," he added.

"We'd also love to see people cheering the riders on if they see them en route."

Stourbridge MP Margot James will set off the teams from Mary Stevens Park in stages between 9 and 10am.

Clean-up targets estate

VOLUNTEERS from Tidy Stourbridge have been cleaning up in the town on their latest Pick 'n' Pint outing.

They worked on the Penfields Estate, centred on The Ten Arches pub.

Seventeen volunteers including two children headed out in three directions to target litter.

Fly tipping was a problem by the alleyway leading from the Bredon Road play area into the Jefferson Estate.

Items found included a dog basket, child's bike and a large knife. The team managed to remove around half of the mess on a very steep slope.

The second area of tipping was near the Stamford Road bridge.

Councillors Adrian Turner, Pete Lowe and Mohammid Hanif all attended and 20 bags of litter were collected.

Next event is on Wednesday, June 22 from the Balds Lane Tavern in Balds Lane, Lye.

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Metal thieves' hammering led to arrest

TWO BROTHERS were caught red-handed stripping lead from a Black Country post office in the dead of night, a court heard.

Adam and Luke Power had already pleaded guilty to theft of the metal when they appeared for sentence on June 8.

Warley Magistrates Court heard that the brothers, both of Old Hill, were spotted stripping the metal from Old Hill Post Office at 4.30am.

Prosecutor Mrs Jayne Yeomans said: "On May 11 a woman was woken by the sound of banging which seemed to be coming from the roof above the post office. She could see two or three men wearing dark clothes who seemed to be passing items to each other.

"She called the police and when officers arrived the defendants ran and there was a short chase.

"Both brothers were arrested. The lead was recovered near the scene as well as a hammer and wallpaper scraper.

"CCTV from the post office shows two men going repeatedly back and forwards outside the shop window."

Greater

The lead removed was worth about £100 but the damage caused had been greater.

Adam Power, aged 25, of Applewood Grove, was given a 12-month supervision order and ordered to carry out a drug rehabilitation programme. He was also told to pay £250 compensation and £85 costs.

Luke Power, 21, of Southbank Road, was also due to be sentenced after admitting a further theft of lead from the roof of a house in Elbow Street, Cradley Heath.

He was due to be sentenced yesterday (June 15).

Harmony at the church

A BLACK COUNTRY choir has announced details of its latest charity concert.

Voices in Harmony, based in Halesowen, will be joined by its youth choir Pure Harmony at Hasbury Methodist Church on June 18.

Proceeds go to Action for Children – a childcare charity.

Tickets cost £6 from Sylvia Smith on 0121 501 1020.

Two bailed over death smash

TWO men arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving after a fatal crash in the Black Country have been re-bailed by police to August.

Passenger Daniel Eales, aged 24, died instantly when a Honda Civic hit a wall in Tipton Road, Sedgley on April 8.

Fellow passenger Tim Morris, 22, later died from his injuries.

Greg is building his chef skills

Greg Parton, who will be appearing at the BBC Good Food Show at the NEC

FATHER-OF-TWO Greg Parton is swapping construction tools for a master chef's knives and chopping board as he rustles up a lavish dish live in front of the crowds in a cook-off at the BBC Good Food Show.

Mr Parton, aged 50, a contracts manager for Mansell Construction in Stourbridge, loves cooking and often serves up meals for his wife, Mandy, and children, Ellie, aged 15, and Scott, 18.

The keen amateur, from Sedgley, has never had any formal training but went on a two-day chef's cooking school at Raymond Blanc's restaurant in Oxford – a 50th birthday present from his mother, Rita Parton, aged 70, last summer.

He applied through the Good Food Show's website to compete in MasterChef Live at the Good Food Show at the NEC. For more information and to book tickets for the event visit www.www.bbcgoodfoodshowsummer.com or call 0844 581 1341.

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Fewer cars abandoned as scrap values rocket

THE RISING value of scrap metal has led to a sharp drop in the number of abandoned cars being seized by Dudley council, new figures reveal.

Authorities have powers to impound vehicles that been left for a long period or do not have a valid tax disc.

The fall in numbers has been put down to the high value of scrap – with people selling on the cars for parts. In some areas the number of seized cars has dropped by more than half, according to figures released under a Freedom of Information request.

Where the owners can be found they are charged £105 removal, £12 a day storage and £50 for disposal.

In Dudley borough, the number of cars impounded fell from 188 in 2009-10 to 100 the following year.

Of those in 2010-11, 59 had been abandoned and 41 untaxed.

The income from collecting and disposing of them dropped from £8,290 to £1,622.

The vehicles are picked up by third party contractors who charge the councils for removal and storage.

Quicker

Councillor David Stanley, Dudley Council cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "Nationally, there has been a decrease in the number of abandoned vehicles.

"The high value of scrap is one reason and the other is changes to legislation which enable authorities to issue 24-hour notices which have prompted owners to respond much quicker to remove their vehicles."

Burglar targeted metal in pub raid

A THIEF stole fruit machines, metal coolers and piping from a Black Country pub closed following an arson attack.

Wayne Tildesley targeted the Hill Tavern pub, in Watsons Green Road, Dudley, on April 26 and 27 this year.

He received a 12-week jail sentence, suspended for 12 months, and was ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work.

He pulled up in a van with another man and loaded it with metal items before driving away, Dudley Magistrates Court heard last Friday.

Suspicious

A resident living near the pub became suspicious at the activity due to the premises being closed and called police. Officers found the 25-year-old on top of the roof terrace.

Magistrates were told he had admitted taking metal items to sell for scrap but told police had not broken in because the building was not secure.

Tildesley, of Shakespeare Road, Tipton, was also ordered to pay compensation of £1,000 along with court costs of £85.

He had pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary at a previous hearing on May 6.

Mrs Jane Yeomans, prosecuting, said none of the metal items taken had been recovered.

Mr Anthony Schiller, defending, said Tildesley had acted after falling on hard times.

Alcohol held by Customs

HUNDREDS of thousands of litres of illegal alcohol has been seized across the Black Country.

The haul was recovered during raids on industrial units in Dudley, Walsall, Great Bridge and Darlaston over the last week.

The illegal alcohol has cost taxpayers more than £540,000 in lost duty.

In total Revenue & Customs officials seized around 236,000 litres of beer, 70,000 litres of wine and 347 litres of spirits.

They also found a dozen kilos of tobacco, two vehicles and £2,100 in cash.

Almost 26,000 litres of beer was also discovered on a trailer left at a truck stop on the A5 at Cannock. There are not thought to be any links to the premises involved.

Inquiries continue.

Big surprise as nurse Ros retires

IT IS finally time for leading Black Country nurse Ros Bratt-Wyton to put her feet up after a 38-year career which has included helping to raise millions of pounds for cancer patients.

Clinical nurse Mrs Bratt-Wyton, aged 63, is retiring after notching up almost four decades working at hospitals in Dudley.

She treated the first patient at Russells Hall Hospital when it opened.

Her greatest achievement was helping to establish the hospital's leukaemia and cancer department, known as the Georgina Unit, in 1998.

Support

Around £3.5 million has been raised by fundraisers to help the Georgina Unit provide treatment to cancer sufferers and support to their families.

The grandmother-of-five was treated to a surprise party by her colleagues last Friday at the David Lloyd Centre, in Brierley Hill.

Friends and family attended, as well as some of Mrs Bratt-Wyton's past patients.

"It has been amazing to see the developments in medicine to help with the treatment of patients over the years," she said. "I've loved being able to look after my staff over the years as well."

Born in Gornal, Mrs Bratt-Wyton now lives with her husband of 45 years, retired electrician Alex, 69, in Strathern Drive, Coseley.

She has two children Helen, 43, and 41-year-old Richard.

Mrs Bratt-Wyton started working as an office secretary before her sister Lesley, who was working a district nurse, persuaded her to apply for a role with the health service.

She applied to train at the former Burton Road Hospital before moving to the Guest Hospital.

After starting at Russells Hall in the 1980s, Mrs Bratt-Wyton said she wanted the hospital to have its own dedicated cancer and leukaemia ward.

"Patients were only treated for cancer on the general wards," she said.

"It is an achievement to see what we have done in getting the centre up and running," she added.

Her husband said: "She has done so much for the hospital with fundraising for the unit that I'm glad she is getting some recognition."

Ros Bratt-Wyton with friends and family at her retirement party after 38 years as a nurse in Dudley

Three are held in drug raid

THREE men were held in custody after a police raid uncovered a stash of suspected drugs inside a home in Halesowen.

The men, aged 50, 24 and 22, were arrested on suspicion of possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply after officers raided the house in Margaret Avenue, Halesowen, at around 5pm last Friday.

Sgt Martin Hall, who led the operation, said powders recovered from the property were being submitted for forensic analysis to determine what they were.

Sgt Hall appealed for anyone with information about the suspected drugs found, or any other drug-related activity to contact police on 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Charity in the shade

FUNDRAISERS can get in the mood for summer by taking part in a Stourbridge charity's first Shorts and Shades Day.

Mary Stevens Hospice is urging people to wear their beach clothes to work on June 24.

Head of fundraising Janet Jones said: "Most companies have occasional dress down Fridays.

"It would be great to have the support of hundreds of businesses around Dudley borough for this special hospice day, with their staff donating just £1."

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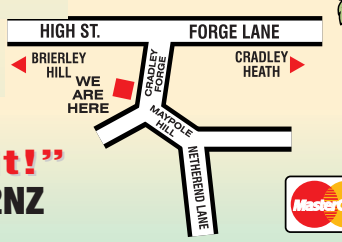

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Geoff is a winning draw

A RENOWNED Stourbridge charity worker joined forces with a town bank to raise £600 for good causes.

Staff from Barclays Bank, in Stourbridge High Street, donated items to go into a large hamper which was raffled.

A total of £300 was raised and the bank is matching it with another £300.

All of the money will be donated to the Geoff Hill Charitable Trust, set up by Amblecote businessman Geoff Hill to help charities and organisations in the community.

Mr Hill himself was on hand to draw the winning ticket at the end of the raffle on Saturday, June 4.

Mr Hill also donated a mini vacuum cleaner as a runner-up prize for the raffle.

MP becomes patron

A BLACK COUNTRY MP has been made a patron of the YMCA.

James Morris was appointed as a Parliamentary Patron in recognition of "ongoing commitment to young people and to the work of the YMCA".

The Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP is one of 16 cross-party English Parliamentarians to receive the honorary appointment. YMCA England chief executive Ian Green said: "James has proved to be a strong advocate for the interests of young people, serving as secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Affairs, and has been a consistent supporter of the work of the YMCA.

"We look forward to continuing to work with James."

Coachwork team lines up new work

A RESTORATION team at Kidderminster's Severn Valley Railway is already lining up new projects after returning an old British Railways coach to its former glory.

It was the first external contract completed by SVR Carriage Contracts, which was launched last year to take on work from outside the railway and bringing in extra cash for the attraction.

The former British Railways (Western Region) auto coach, dating from 1953, has now been taken back to the Dean Forest Railway, in Gloucestershire.

It was given a new coat of paint, in British Railways crimson livery of the 1960s, and christened 'Chaffinch' at the request of its owner.

But the restoration team are not resting on their laurels and already have a number of projects in the pipeline to keep them busy over the coming months.

The three-strong team will be working on one of the railway's own vehicles next – a diesel multiple unit carriage dating from the 1960s.

They will be stripping the roof and side of the carriage of its old paintwork and giving it a new coat.

Repairs will also be carried out on the gangway which connects the coaches together with new pins fitted. The project is expected to take around two months to complete.

Original

The restoration team researches each train and carriage it works on to ensure it has the exact original colour schemes.

The department, which has been repairing vehicles for more than 30 years, started taking on external work last year.

It had previously only worked on trains and carriages operated by the railway itself.

Spokesman Shaun Parsons said: "We were really pleased with how the work on the auto carriage turned out and are now looking towards new projects.

"We are a dedicated team and it is a pleasure working on these vehicles."

Carriage fitters Chris Lawley and Tim Davis finish work on the 1953 auto coach which has been carefully restored at the Severn Valley Railway

The restored coach, renamed Chaffinch, seen in all its former glory

Pair are fined on attempt to steal

TWO MEN found by police "mooching around" a disused Dudley College building and carrying bolt cutters have each been fined £100 by magistrates.

Daniel Clinton and Josh Green, both 19, were seen walking out of a fire door at the former Castle View campus, in King Edmund Street by a member of the public on May 31, Dudley magistrates heard on June 8.

Police were called and found the pair on the fourth floor of the disused building where they were arrested.

A pair of discarded bolt cutters was found nearby on the same floor, the court heard.

Clinton, of Waldron Avenue, and Green, of Rookery Avenue, both Brierley Hill, each pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary with intent to steal.

Work

They were also both ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said: "Green said he had met his friend after work and entered the building to be nosey. They said the bolt cutters had been inside the building."

Mr Harmail Gill, defending both men, said: "They were in there having a mooch around. If they had found anything they would have taken it.

"The bolt-cutters were already at the site and they accept they picked them up. There was no break-in. The door was already dislodged."

Horses seized

BAILIFFS seized at least three horses from land in Tipton on the night of June 9. Owners had 14 days to claim them.

Thieves of metal strike at school

METAL thieves stole central heating pipes from a Brierley Hill school, causing £10,000 damage.

The piping was taken from a building being refurbished at Hawbush Primary School, in Hawbush Road.

Extra workers have been drafted in to finish the work in time for September after they had to rewire and reinstall the heating system. Police said a 31-year-old man had been arrested in Brockmoor on suspicion of burglary and was being questioned following the theft on May 30.

Construction firm ISG has been working around the clock to get the scheme back on schedule.

Project manager John Lines said: "If we had not taken these steps the project would have been delayed by around two weeks." He said the total damage was around £10,000.

Summer fitness class dates set

A NEW SERIES of fitness classes for the summer has been announced by bosses at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre. The sessions, which are held at the complex in Bell Street, go across a range from pilates to martial arts workouts.

Low impact aerobics classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30 to 10.30am and cost £4 per session.

On Tuesdays, legs bums and tums classes run from 9.30 to 10.30am and cost £4. Bodybalance, which combines moves from yoga, tai chi and pilates, runs from 7.30 to 8.30pm and costs £4.40.

Bodyjam dance sessions run on Wednesdays from 9.30 to 10.30am and Saturdays from 11.30am to 12.30pm; cost is £4.40.

Tone and stretch classes run on Thursday from 10.30 to 11.15am and cost £3.50.

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Accounting skills tested

HALESOWEN College has hosted the regional heats of the WorldSkills UK competition in accounting – for the fourth time.

Twelve teams of accountants from colleges around the Midlands including two from Halesowen College worked to prove their financial expertise and team working skills in a three-hour long competition.

The contest is sponsored and organised by the AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) and is part of the WorldSkills (UK) vocational skills competitions.

Inquest opens on fall boy

AN INQUEST has been opened on a 12-year-old boy who fell 20ft into a Midland canal.

Robert Fidoe, known to friends and family as Robbie, was riding his bike over a narrow bridge at Stourport canal basin when he lost his balance.

The youngster, of Lower Heath Caravan Park, Watery Lane, Hartlebury, was out riding with a friend when the tragedy happened just before noon on June 3.

Fire crews from Kidderminster and Stourport, along with the Severn Area Rescue Association, spent half-an-hour searching for him before lock-keeper Graham Mitchell, aged 57, pulled him out.

He was airlifted to Birmingham Children's Hospital but was pronounced dead at about 1.45pm.

The inquest has been opened and adjourned by Worcestershire Coroner Geraint Williams.

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Fire-ravaged crystal site can be saved

THE fire-ravaged Stuart Crystal building "can be saved", according to a report by specialist engineers.

There were fears that the historic Grade II-listed building in Wordsley may have to be demolished after a suspected arson attack hit the site last month.

But the owners have revealed that engineers found the building could still be saved.

They also say that plans for a new £5million glass museum can go ahead as planned.

Director David Freer, from site owners Complex Development Projects, said the civil engineer hired to carry out the examination and report was a specialist in listed buildings.

"The report has now been released and there is no talk of demolition – in essence, the building can be saved," he said.

"It states that with some careful work it can be restored, which of course is very good news," added Mr Freer.

Some high levels of the building will be demolished, but scaffolding will now be brought in to stabilise the bulk of the structure.

"This is not an easy task as the building is very dangerous at this time," said Mr Freer.

"It will be a very complex engineering feat."

He said the report had now been passed on to Dudley Council and a response would be awaited before a cost analysis could be completed.

Flashback to firefighters tackling the blaze last month

Backing

Under plans the six listed buildings on the Stuart Crystal site would be transformed into a new glass museum with an underground link to the Red House Glass Cone.

The project has been overseen by the British Glass Foundation, which has vowed the fire would "not be a setback at all" and costs of the project would be unaffected.

The foundation has won the backing of national group The Glass Association since it launched in November 2010 to help steer the plans for a new museum.

Spin-off railway projects rejected

THE Transport Secretary has told Black Country and Staffordshire residents not to expect extra investment for themselves on the back of high-speed rail.

Philip Hammond said the line, carrying 225mph trains between London and the Midlands, would make Birmingham the transport hub of the UK. The Black Country would benefit from extra capacity on the West Coast main line, he said.

But regeneration chiefs in the region have called for other improvements, such as extensions of the Midland Metro and the rebuilding of Wolverhampton rail station, on the back of the £32billion project.

Change

Two new stations will be built in Birmingham.

However, Black Country and Staffordshire people will have to change trains to get on to the high-speed services, which will begin to be built in 2017.

Mr Hammond, speaking after addressing a meeting of Birmingham businesses on June 8, said: "I don't operate in a world where people only support a piece of national infrastructure if there's something in it for them."

Mr Hammond said: "For people in the Black Country the benefits will be freed-up capacity on the West Coast main line.

"This means that more trains will be able to run through Wolverhampton."

Two face trial on thefts

TWO MEN will stand trial after denying stealing large quantities of food and alcohol from two Black Country shops.

Gary Holding, aged 50, and George Smith, 55, indicated not guilty pleas to Dudley magistrates on June 8. Holding, now of Clifton Drive, Lytham St Annes, Leicestershire, and Smith, of Sidaway Street, Cradley Heath, face three counts of theft. The first relates to April 15 when two cases of whiskey, 10 legs of lamb, 10 joints of beef and eight packets of chops were stolen from Aldi in Cinder Bank.

The others relate to April 21 when 30 bottles of whiskey, and 48 bottles of vodka and whiskey were taken from Aldi stores in Cinder Bank and Netherton. Both men were bailed to stand trial on July 25.

Superhead will help struggling schools

Joanna Manson, headteacher of High Arcal School, has been chosen as a new national leader of education

SEDGLEY superhead Joanna Manson has been singled out to help with a Government scheme aimed at improving education standards across the country.

Mrs Manson, headteacher at High Arcal School, will become a National Leader of Education. The school, in High Arcal Drive, will become a role model as a national support school to help underperforming schools or those transforming into academies.

High Arcal School was rated outstanding by Government inspectors from Ofsted in its latest report last November.

And the National College for school leadership, which runs the scheme, says it wants to use Mrs Manson and other teaching staff to help advise strugglers.

In five years the 52-year-old has taken High Arcal from a rating of good with satisfactory elements to outstanding across the board.

Her initiatives include an active school council, improvements in staff leadership and shifting the focus onto shaping students for careers, rather than just academic qualifications.

She is one of 100 headteachers to be selected.

"Schools supporting other schools is proven to be the most effective and sustainable way to improve outcomes for learners," she said.

Migrant suspects are held in raids

THREE suspected illegal immigrants were found working in Dudley businesses following a series of raids by the police and UK Border Agency.

Fines notices for £10,000 each were handed to The Premier Shop in Quarry Bank High Street and Tasty Fish & Chip Shop in Pensnett High Street.

A woman was arrested from a house next door to the chip shop in the raids on June 8 and was facing deportation to India.

UK Border Agency spokeswoman Rekha Devi-Kauldhar said: "We carried out a series of joint raids with West Midlands Police in a number of commercial and residential premises between 5pm and 9.30pm.

Vacant

"One woman was arrested and two men have been put on weekly reports as we found them to have no travel documents with them."

Raids were also carried out at several other locations, including a vacant industrial unit in Bromley Street, Lye.

One passer-by, who did not wish to be named, said: "I saw police at an old warehouse that has been up for rent for a couple of years now.

"There seemed to be a lot of marked cars parked there with unmarked police cars whizzing around.

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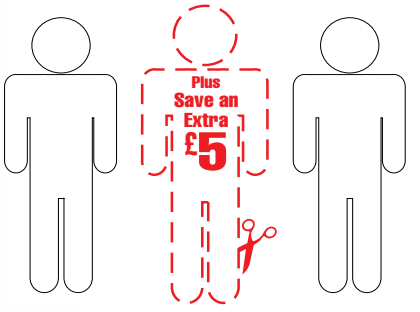

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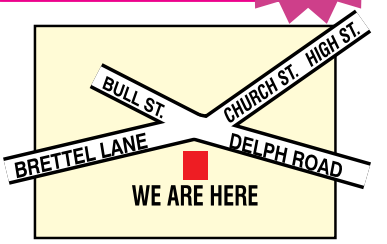

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Work is under way to build a new church

A 1930s Black Country chapel is being demolished to make way for a new £300,000 church and community building.

Work has begun to transform the site of Hasbury Christian Fellowship in Albert Road, Halesowen.

The 1938 chapel was deemed structurally unsound and not fit for purpose after an inspection.

Plans were drawn up for a new building which will be used by worshippers and community groups.

It is expected to be finished by mid-December and will connect to a 1988 church hall.

Coffee

Trustee Jeremy Howell said it would used for activities including a youth club, a pensioners' lunch club, coffee morning, table top sales, dance workshops and keep-fit sessions.

The new building will feature a community/worship space, offices, storage and a wheelchair-accessible toilet.

There will also be new entrance doors and an access ramp.

Mr Howell said: "This project will benefit the community of Hasbury by providing accessible and affordable meeting spaces for local groups, in particular older residents who would otherwise stay at home.

"We anticipate that use will increase, improving the quality of life for people, whatever their age and background," he added.

Demolition work has started on the Hasbury Christian Fellowship Chapel

Diggers prepare for the start of demolition work

An artist's impression of what the new church and centre could look like

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Hundreds of youngsters and families take part in the popular Big Toddle at Dudley Zoo and Castle

It's a big thumbs up as youngsters toddle off

WEST END actresses Leanne Jones and Alison Young waved off more than 650 youngsters on a charity toddle around Dudley Zoo.

The pair stepped into the breach at the 11th hour when their co-star in comedy, The Naked Truth, former Nolan Sister Maureen, fell ill with a bad cold.

Maureen also had to miss last Tuesday night's performance in the play at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre.

So it was Leanne and Alison who wished the toddlers good luck as they started their Barnardos Big Toddle on June 8.

Leanne, aged 26, who shot to fame in the West End musical Hairspray four years ago, said she enjoyed watching the youngsters as they set off to start their quarter-mile challenge.

It was the second of four days of sponsored walks around the zoo, involving a total of around 3,500 toddlers.

The events raise money for vulnerable children, including those with physical and learning disabilities.

Leanne, who plays Bev in The Naked Truth, and Alison, aged 28, who plays Faith, waved the toddlers off with a "ready, steady, go".

Headlights

She said: "When Maureen fell ill and we were asked to step in, as soon as we heard the words 'kids' and 'zoo' and 'sponsored walk', we thought 'fun'."

She confessed that, at the opening run at the Grand, the cast had felt like "rabbits in the headlights".

"We're near the end of our tour, which we started in August, so we're all quite tired," she said.

"But we wanted to make it good and the audience were great."

Families taking part in the Big Toddle entered into the spirit of the event with great gusto.

Natalie Stone, aged 42, of Watsons Close, Kates Hill, Dudley, who took her children Casey, aged five, and Jack, three, to the hike, said: "It's the third year we've done this and it's great fun.

"The children love being with all their friends from Kates Hill Primary School and seeing the animals."

Giraffe

Rachel Scarr, aged 32, of Compton Road, Stourbridge, was with her sons Adam, aged nine months, and Ben, two.

All were part of a party from Stourbridge and Halesowen National Childbirth Trust (NCT).

She said: "It's great to support a children's charity like this."

Among those putting their best feet forward the day before were youngsters, staff and parents from Peter's Hill Nursery in Amblecote, who designed a giraffe banner for the event.

Nursery deputy manager Chris Southall said: "We had 94 children and 90 parents taking part.

"It is a lot of fun for the children and it is for a very good cause.

"We have been taking part for a few years now."

Julie Hanson, 45, of Hurst Hill, and her four-year-old son Sam stopped to look at the flamingos.

But the youngster said he was most looking forward to seeing the tigers.

Donna Poynton, 40, husband Andrew, 35, and three-year-old daughter Katie-Lee, of Kingswinford, said it was the first time they had taken part in the event.

Actresses Alison Young, left, and Leanne Jones, with Todd the Barnardos' Big Toddle Mascot, and children at the sponsored walk at Dudley Zoo

Pee-Wee the clown with Grog

People line up for the Big Toddle

Hotline tip-offs prompt 45 arrests by police

A TOTAL of 45 suspects were arrested after anonymous tip-offs to the Crimestoppers hotline in the West Mercia police region during the first three months of the year.

The figure marks a 55 per cent increase on the last three months of last year, when there were 29 arrests made following calls from the public.

The national charity also revealed that 544 calls containing "actionable" information were made across the whole West Mercia region during that time period – almost 18 per cent more than between October and December when there were 462 actionable calls.

Regional manager Pauline Hadley attributed the increase to the launch of the hotline's online tip-off service.

"The quality of the calls where the information is accurate enough for the police to take action remains high," she said.

Cerimestoppers is an independent charity helping to find criminals and help solve crimes.

It runs an anonymous phone service on 0800 555 111 which allows people to call to pass on information about crime. Alternatively people can also pass on information anonymously via its website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Father punched ex-wife's partner

A FATHER-OF-THREE on a motorbike chased a car carrying his young son, ex-wife and her partner for two miles before attacking the man on the roadside, a court heard.

Stuart Rose, aged 47, of Summer Lane, Lower Gornal, went after them after they had picked up the child from his house.

He followed their car and pulled in front of it before punching Andrew Poyner.

Dudley magistrates heard he was "angry" that the youngster had been picked up late, as he had "other things to do".

Rose pleaded guilty to assault and was given a 12-month community order, told to carry out 80 hours' unpaid work and pay £135 compensation and £100 costs.

Helmet

His son had been staying with him on the Saturday, under an arrangement between his ex-wife Helen and her partner Mr Poyner, the court was told.

Mrs Jayne Yeomans, prosecuting, said Rose then followed them on his motorbike when they drove away.

When Mr Poyner got out of the car in Himley Road Rose, who was still wearing his helmet, ran towards him before punching him four times in the body and once in the face, the court was told.

Mr Poyner suffered cuts and bruises.

Rose, who was not represented, told the court: "I apologise for the trouble I've caused but they were really late picking my son up and I could smell alcohol on my ex-wife's breath."

Carpets king retires after his 50 years

A LEADING figure in Kidderminster's carpet industry and one of the key people behind a famous advertising campaign has retired after nearly 50 years.

Mike Hardiman, aged 64, stood down this month as chief executive of the town's Carpet Foundation, which he set up in 1999.

The foundation, which gives out information to help people choose the right carpet, has grown to become an industry standard which is now backed by top manufacturers and also 900 independent retailers.

Previously, Mr Hardiman worked for Brintons Carpets for 35 years holding the post of personnel manager from 1971 to 1992. He later moved into advertising for the firm and helped to develop the iconic 1993 campaign where models wore carpet dresses designed by Vivienne Westwood and photographed by David Bailey.

Trainee

Mr Hardiman was also president of Kidderminster Chamber of Commerce during 1988 and 1989 after previously serving as vice-chairman.

He has lived in Bewdley for more than 30 years, and said he was "immensely proud" of his career but had decided the time was right to step down. He plans to spend more time with his family, wife Sonia, 63, children Caroline, 36, and Jonathan, 34, and 19-month-old granddaughter Isabelle.

Mr Hardiman, originally from Birmingham and a pupil at Kings Norton Grammar School, started his career in 1964 when he was taken on as a trainee manager by Brintons Carpets.

The firm sent him on a HND course at Kidderminster College and later to Aston University to learn management studies.

And in 1971 at the age of just 25, he was appointed personnel manager for the firm – which then employed around 2,650 people.

Looking back – Mike Hardiman with photographs from the industry

"It was very different in those days. Kidderminster was the centre of carpet manufacture and around 17,000 people were employed in the industry," he said.

Mr Hardiman remained in the post until 1992 when he was asked to take over a very different aspect of the company.

"The managers at the time decided the firm needed to take a more aggressive marketing policy. Because of my knowledge of the firm I was asked to become involved in the advertising. I was involved in the campaign where the models wore carpet dresses made by Vivienne Westwood."

Mr Hardiman left the firm after 35 years to help set up the Carpet Foundation. "At the time it was a gamble but one which I am very proud to say paid off. Getting so many retailers involved was a massive success."

Shelters for bikes at station

TWO cycle shelters will be installed at Sandwell and Dudley station.

Transport group Centro's application to Sandwell Council for shelters at the Bromford Road station were approved by officers under delegated authority.

They are part of a wider scheme for shelters at stations throughout the West Midlands.

Centro will remove plants and shrubs to make room for the dark blue steel shelters.

They will go on a concrete plinth on green space next to the Park and Ride entrance at the station.

Mother is given court warning on council tax

A MOTHER-OF-FIVE has appeared in court after failing to pay nearly £3,000 of council tax, some of it dating back to 1999.

Elizabeth Finch, aged 38, was arrested on a warrant after failing to turn up at Dudley Magistrates Court for a previous hearing in February.

The court was told on June 9 that she owed £1,605 in council tax arrears from April 1999 to March 2002, and £1,375 from April 2005 to March 2007.

Mrs Jeanette Bonaccorsi, prosecuting on behalf of Dudley Council, said: "This matter has been before the courts for many years but the payments have not been maintained."

Finch, of Ash Road, Dudley, had told the council she had struggled to pay the tax after her husband left her in 2005. But the couple had got back together last year and were now trying to pay off their debts.

Finch admitted a charge of failing to pay council tax.

The case was dismissed without a sentence being imposed by magistrates, who said the money should be paid to Dudley Council at £20 a week.

Group to look at health

AN INDEPENDENT watchdog group is being set up in Dudley to help improve health and social care.

Residents, community groups, and voluntary organisations have been invited to share their views on plans for group.

It is expected to be up and running next year.

Dudley Council and Dudley Council for Voluntary Service will host an event at Dudley College's Broadway campus on July 7 from 9.30am to 1pm.

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Weighing in with a fine collection of glass art

Demonstrator Kari Moodie with some of the museum's paperweights

PAPERWEIGHTS have been taking centre stage at a Dudley exhibition.

Broadfield House Glass Museum in Compton Drive, Kingswinford hosted its annual Paperweight Day on Saturday.

Scottish glassmaker Alastair MacIntosh was the star attraction at this year's event and demonstrated his paperweight-making skills.

He studied at Edinburgh College of Art and went on to become a designer at Caithness Glass. There was also a wide range of paperweights from some of the country's leading dealers, including Bob Hall and Just Glass, on sale at the event.

Popular

Councillor David Stanley said: "The Paperweight Day is one of the most popular events held at the glass museum and visitors come from all over the country to attend."

Hundreds expected at festival celebrations

HUNDREDS of visitors are expected to descend on a Black Country park for its annual summer festival this weekend. This year's Wordsley Festival will take place in King George V Park, off Bells Lane, on Saturday.

The event has been organised by the Wordsley Festival Group which has drafted in events management company Stourbridge and Black Country Events.

Festival organiser Mick Davies said he wanted the event to replicate the success of the Wordsley Carnivals of the 1980s and 1990s. The carnival raised around £150,000 for good causes in more than 20 years.

"Ideally we'd love to start giving money back to charity but it is not possible at the moment but the event doesn't make a profit," he said.

"The money that we make is going to make sure we can fund the next year's event. We have had grants in the past but they were only for one year so we have to bring in the funding ourselves."

High-flying stunt riders and shows from popular children's television characters are among the treats in store for families attending the big day.

The festival curtain-raiser was the Wordsley charity Fun Run held yesterday (Wednesday) around a two-mile course in the park. Runners were able to nominate their own charity.

On the Saturday, Fifi and the Flower Tots TV characters Fifi and Bumble will be around during the event. Stuntman Flyin' Ryan Griffiths will be staging a motorcycle stunt show. The event dates back to the original Wordsley Gala in 1946.

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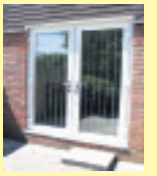

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Disgraced grandfather conned elderly couple

Prison for accountant who preyed on life's vulnerable

THE former chairman of Tipton Town FC has started a five-and-a-half year jail sentence for pocketing more than £276,000 from the life insurance and pension policies of a murdered father.

Accountant Bill Williams splashed the cash on luxury family holidays to the US, Aston Villa season tickets and lavish family parties.

The convicted fraudster set in motion plans to steal money owed to the two-year-old daughter of company director Andrew Diack just days after the 29-year-old was stabbed to death in a Wolverhampton pub.

Williams had listed himself as an executor of a life insurance and pension policy he helped to set up for father-of-one Mr Diack while working as his accountant.

Thousands was also ploughed into Tipton Town FC, while the rest was spent on clearing debts and office improvements for his Dudley-based accountancy business.

Paying

Now it can be revealed Williams also ripped off pensioners Ronald and Sheila Haynes for £97,000 in a separate fraud. He was paying that money back at a rate of £2,000 a month but around £50,000 is still owed to the Walsall couple, who had enlisted the father of two as an accountant.

"He's taken our entire life savings and ruined us," said Mrs Haynes.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, Judge Amjad Nawaz described Williams as a man who "preyed on the vulnerable" for his own gain, telling him: "You have committed crime after crime, adding misery upon misery. It was behaviour just to line your own pockets."

Williams, of Chester Road, West Bromwich, admitted two charges of fraud at a previous hearing.

WHEN Ronald Haynes was diagnosed with dementia, his loving wife Sheila decided to enlist the help of an accountant to handle their considerable life savings.

It was a decision she felt was necessary to secure their future.

But unfortunately for the Walsall family, the accountant they employed was Bill Williams, owner of Dudley-based firm Williams & Co, who has now started a lengthy prison term for a £276,000 fraud against Wolverhampton murder victim Andrew Diack.

The disgraced 59-year-old targeted Mr and Mrs Haynes in a similar crime, pocketing the couple's £97,000 life savings.

"He's taken our entire life savings and ruined us," said Mrs Haynes. "I'm just not the same person any more. I've been suicidal because of what he has done."

The grandmother-of-seven, who has two great-grandchildren, said Williams had been recommended to her son Tim by a father at her grandson's football team, the Black Country Bullets.

Account

"When Ron was diagnosed in 2008, I was advised by doctors to get power of attorney and to get an accountant to help out with that," said the 66-year-old Mrs Haynes.

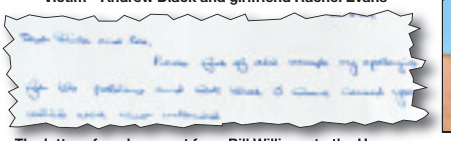
Williams, of Chester Road, West Bromwich, advised the retired care worker to take £97,000 from a series of bank accounts, close them down and hand over cheque books and account details to him for money to be consolidated into one account.

"At the end of 2008 I asked him for some of our money for a holiday but he never came up with it," said the mother-of-two, whose 76-year-old husband previously owned Ronald Haynes Transport.

"In 2009, we were having the house refurbished. I got in touch with Bill but again, there was nothing. Just more excuses."

Mrs Haynes sought the advice of her bank, who also involved the police. After being confronted, Williams agreed to pay back £2,000 a month to avoid charges.

Victim – Andrew Diack and girlfriend Rachel Evans



The letter of apology sent from Bill Williams to the Haynes

Conned of £97,000 – Sheila and Ron Haynes from Walsall

Since August 2009, in the region of £40,000 has been repaid but there still remains a debt of more than £50,000.

Around the same time, Wolverhampton businessman Andrew Diack was celebrating the news that he and his partner, Rachel Evans, were expecting their first child.

Former Tipton Town FC chairman Williams had earlier helped Mr Diack, a co-director of Featherstone-based Spray Tanker Services, form a life insurance and pension policy, listing himself as an administrator of the two policies.

But in February 2009, 29-year-old Mr Diack was killed in a knife attack at the Flying Dutchman pub in Wolverhampton.

Just days later, Williams visited the family home on Stafford Road, Fordhouses, and took documents from Miss Evans that would net him the £276,000 payout from the two policies.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, Mr Hugh O'Brien-Quinn, prosecuting, said father-of-two Williams admitted defrauding a Bupa life insurance policy worth £250,000 and an Aviva pensions policy for £26,000, which were both due to be paid to Megan, who was born just 10 days after Mr Diack's death.

The court heard that Williams had squandered the cash on luxury holidays, Aston Villa season tickets and lavish parties. Thousands was also ploughed into Tipton Town FC.

The grandfather of two was jailed for three years in 1996 for stealing £140,000 from clients. Ten years earlier, he was locked up for three years for stealing more than £100,000 from a firm.

Mr Andrew Mitchinson, for Williams, said: "Bill Williams is an enigma."

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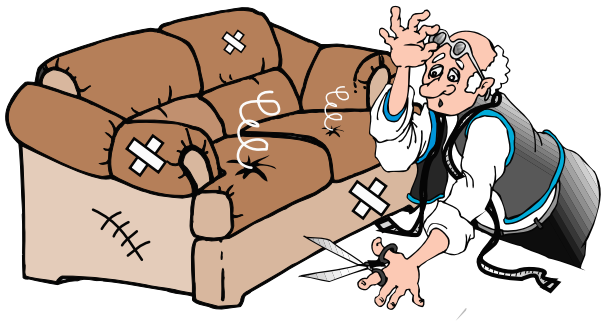

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Dragon's tale is well told in glossy biopic

YOUNG BRUCE LEE

YOUNG Bruce Lee with Aarif Rahman in the title role is obviously a high-budget, high-production value film and equal to any biopic Hollywood could turn out. It is tightly scripted and well acted by an impressive cast.

YBL charts the life of the screen and martial arts legend from his birth until he departs Hong Kong for America aged 19.

Even though this is an excellent production it could have been made by the Bruce Lee appreciation society, it is very fawning and almost seeks to deify Lee but at the same time doesn't really give any new insights into the life of the kung fu master.

Lee grew up in a well-heeled middle class Chinese family in Hong Kong. He lived in a well-to-do area of the city and he was famous as a film star in his own right before he reached the US.

He had a pretty privileged upbringing, never went short of anything and spent his early years, like any lad, hanging around with his friends and getting into mischief.

If any Lee fans are looking for a kung fu film they will be sadly disappointed. The only fight scenes are one of a boxing match which is formulaic and secondly a street fight which owes more to a directorial tribute to Lee's film Way of the Dragon than any actual event. This may appeal to Lee purists but perhaps less to fans of his films and martial arts skills.

The extras on this disc are also pretty disappointing with talking heads and still shots from a couple of people who knew and worked with Lee. Strangely enough there are no film clips either of his movies or of him at home or training. Also noticeable by their absence are any of Lee's family, his widow, daughter, co-stars or any of the many others you would expect to see.

Young Bruce Lee is out now on two disc ultimate edition DVD and Blu-ray Cert 15.

WEST IS WEST

It's been a long time coming but anyone thinking the sequel to the hit British film East is East was going to be more of the same from the Khan family will be disappointed.

Aqib Khan as Sajid is forced to rediscover his Pakistani heritage

This offering is a voyage of discovery, deeper, more thought provoking and certainly doesn't have the earthy wit and humour of the first film.

WiW reunites only some of the cast from the original Salford family outing with Jimi Mistry making a cameo appearance, it seems, purely because he can.

Head of the family George, played excellently by Om Puri decides the runt of his litter Sajid, Aqib Khan, is too British and needs to connect with his heritage in Pakistan.

So, much to his protest and under false pretences, his father transports both of them back to the homeland where he hopes to keep him until he has learned to be Pakistani again. What happens is a voyage of self-discovery for all the Khan family especially George as he realises his vision of being a good Pakistani husband, father and man doesn't necessarily tally with how his two families in Asia and England perceive him.

There are some genuine comic moments, and there are references to the first film which those who haven't seen it won't get, as Sajid discovers a whole new side to his character.

George has an epiphany realising, as he is confronted by Mrs Khan No1 and Mrs Khan No2, played again by excellent actress Linda Bassett who flies in from Blighty to rescue her youngest son, why he left Pakistan in the first place.

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Legend award for Ozzy

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Osbourne, from Aston, Birmingham, found fame with Black Sabbath, before going solo and appearing in reality TV in MTV's The Osbournes.

His award was collected in London by his son Jack.

Shock-rocker Alice Cooper won the Icon award, Biffy Clyro were named Classic Songwriters and Jared Leto's band 30 Seconds To Mars won Best International Band and Best Single awards for their track Hurricane.

Def Leppard won the Inspiration award as Korn entered the Hall Of Fame.

My Chemical Romance, nominated for five awards, had Best Video for the single Na Na Na.

The Best Album award went to Bring Me The Horizon for their release There Is A Hell... while You Me At Six were named Best British Band.

Inju5tice, back from left, Karl Brown, Kyle Abslom, and Chris Shalders, and front, Luke Whitehouse

Gala to boost charity coffers

PEOPLE are invited to a summer gala to raise cash for Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen branch.

The event, at the Mary Stevens Resource centre, Hagley Road, Oldswinford, on June 25, is to help raise awareness of the services there. Stourbridge MP, Margot James will open the event at 11am.

On song for achievements

SCHOOL pupils in Sedgley were treated to an Oscars-style awards ceremony including a performance by a former student.

Old-boy Luke Whitehouse, aged 22, part of boyband Inju5tice, stopped by the Dormston School for the annual presentation evening on June 9. Thirteen pupils, aged 11-14 were given awards for "outstanding achievement". They were: Marc Bradley for music; Alexandra Jones, English; Emma Cooper, maths; Jake Wright, science and ICT; Joseph Parkes, history; Laura Ratcliffe, geography; Jaypal Jhamat, RE; Daisy Whitehead, technology; Connor Brooks, art; Andrew Greaves, drama; Jordan Wright, dance; Anil Singh, languages and Natalie Pullinger, PE.

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Revamp cost hits plan for £4.3m regeneration

A £4.3 MILLION project to revive Dudley town centre was dealt a blow as plans to transform a prominent building into a Continental-style restaurant were put on hold. The Carvers Cafe in Priory Street had been earmarked for restoration, turning it into a cafe-restaurant complete with outdoor seating area.

But Dudley Council bosses have admitted they did not have the funds to start work. The project had been billed as "underpinning" the rest of the multi-million pound regeneration plan, meaning work on the adjacent Stone Street Square could also get started. Cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Angus Adams, said the council was now focusing on other buildings which needed less work.

He said: "Carvers Cafe is on the list – but it will stay on the list for a while now.

"It is still definitely part of the plan for the town centre, but financial constraints mean we won't be able to start work on it as soon as we had hoped.

"It needs a fair bit of work done to it and we haven't got a tenant yet.

"If we get a tenant, the situation could change.

"In the meantime, we are still continuing work on other buildings in the town centre."

The town project is being funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Advantage West Midlands.

Imperial measure demand backed

MARKET traders in the Black Country want to see imperial weight measurements once again displayed on their stalls.

Their call is being backed by West Midlands MEP Mike Nattrass.

Shopkeepers who flout the laws following the switch to metrication risk prosecution.

However, traders at Walsall Market are now calling for change to the system.

The move comes after Asda started stocking 1lb punnets of strawberries on its shelves.

Mr Nattrass said that more should be done to promote and protect the use of imperial measurements.

Learn

"Schoolchildren should learn more about imperial measurements," he said.

"It would be sad to see our traditional British measures die out altogether.

"I welcome Asda's decision to use imperial measurements," added the UKIP MEP.

Karen Sands, former chairman of Walsall Market Traders Association, said: "The majority of our customers ask for things in imperial measurements.

"They ask, for say, a pound of cod or half a pound of prawns.

"I would say about 90 per cent of our customers ask for things in imperial measurements," she added.

House prices are still falling

HOUSE prices fell at their fastest annual rate for 19 months during May as buyers continued to stay away from the market, new figures show.

Homes lost 4.2 per cent of their value during the past year, based on average prices during the three months to the end of May, compared with the same three-month period of the previous year, according to Halifax.

It was the biggest annual drop recorded since October 2009 and left the average home costing £160,519.

Building of new homes finished

THE site of a derelict Dudley pub that became a magnet for anti-social behaviour has been transformed into 30 homes.

Work has been completed on the Jephson Homes Housing Association development on the site of the former Washington Arms on the Wrens Nest estate.

The pub closed in January 2006 and Jephson unveiled plans for the site 18 months later, but the project was shelved as the economy floundered.

Contractors finally began building the 14 three-bedroom houses and 16 one and two-bedroom flats, which make up Washington Court, in March last year.

Jephson Midlands director Sue Rowley said: "We know it was a site that really was an eyesore."

Workers used a volunteer-run café at the Wrens Nest Community Centre opposite the site during their breaks and contractor Wates carried out free repairs to the centre during a community day.

Funding

Dudley Senior Citizens' Enterprise Woodwork Group used timber from the demolished pub to create bird nesting boxes.

Funding for the scheme included a £1.5million grant from the Homes and Communities Agency.

Coroner adjourns inquest on man

AN inquest has opened on 71-year-old David Dillworth, of Green Street, Dudley, who died at Russells Hall Hospital on June 2 has been adjourned to allow further investigations to take place.

The assistant deputy Black Country coroner opened the inquest at Smethwick Coroner's Office last week.

Fairytale boat trip's animal magic

Abigail Caffrey and storyteller Elly Willoughby with others from Dudley's Fairytales Nursery on board for a book-themed day

YOUNGSTERS dressed as their favourite fictional characters and boarded a boat to hear stories and meet a variety of animals.

More than 20 children from Dudley's Fairytales Nursery,Bourne Street, took part in the event to tie-in with National Bookstart Week.

Activities, organised by Dudley Council, were held at the town's canal trust, in Tipton Road, where youngsters boarded the Electra narrowboat.

They were read stories, including All Aboard, by storyteller Elly Willoughby.

Dudley Zoo keepers introduced youngsters to an array of animals from the attraction including a ferret, snake and a lizard.

Trust spokeswoman June Hodgetts said: "It was a great event and the youngsters really enjoyed themselves.

"They really enjoyed seeing the animals up close and hearing a story."

Raid on house revealed drugs

A TEENAGER admitted dealing cannabis to friends when a stash of cash and drugs were found by police in his bedroom during a raid, a court heard.

Shop worker Joshua Hamilton was awoken by officers after they targeted his house in Downing Street, Halesowen.

Around £220 was found along with several bags of the drug and other hidden drug paraphernalia hidden, magistrates heard.

Hamilton had begun smoking cannabis before buying larger quantities to sell to friends, Dudley Magistrates Court were told last week.

He pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to supply a class B drug.

Shock

Hamilton was sentenced to a 12 month community order with 60 hours unpaid work and ordered to pay £85 court costs.

Mr Kully Khaira, prosecuting, said police got the 19-year-old out of bed when they executed a search warrant at 8am on April 23.

Quantities of cash were found in various locations. Bags of the drug were found along with grinding too.

Hamilton, who works at frozen food retailer Iceland, admitted during interview the drugs were cannabis .

Mr John Allchin, defending, said: "There has been a huge change in his behaviour since his arrest. It was the shock that was needed to stop him from using cannabis. He says he feels mentally and physically better since he stopped taking it."

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Changes to roads announced

PROPOSED road improvements, including speed limit reductions and re-surfacing around a Black Country borough have been announced for the coming year.

The programme was presented to members of Central Dudley Area Committee last week for comments.

Under the proposals, the 40mph speed limit along the Broadway, in Dudley, would be reduced to 30mph and a review to look at the installation of splitter islands carried out.

Lanes around Cinder Bank Roundabout would also be reduced to two at the entrance and exit to Peartree Lane for a trial period of three months.

If successful it would be made permanent.

Anti-skid surfacing is to be installed along Buffery Road under the plans and a review of poles along Duncan Edwards Way to see if they should be placed behind crash barriers as a safety measure.

The scheme also includes proposals for traffic measures in Dixons Green Road, Stourbridge Road and in Exeter Road, Netherton, near to Netherbrook Primary School.

But while members of the committee supported the plans they said other roads in the borough were in urgent need of consideration for improvement measures.

Problems

Councillor Shaukat Ali said there were problems with people parking cars along the road in North Street, Dudley, and traffic calming measures were also needed in Oakham Road.

Transport officer Peter Vangeerdaele said North Street would be covered by a separate scheme and the plan was to put double yellow lines along the route.

Councillor Tracey Wood told the meeting that measures were also needed in Holly Street, Dudley.

Mr Vangeersdaele said that road would be looked at as part of the double-yellow line scheme.

He said: "The next stage will be for these measures to be discussed by officers and the cabinet member for transport before they are agreed."

Ghostly goings-on as The Crooked House stars in a new film

IT has been famous across the Midlands for hundreds of years for its slanting appearance and resident ghosts.

But now the Crooked House pub in Himley is set to attract a new legion of fans – as the star of its own movie.

Los Angeles based film-maker Mark Todd, who comes from Wednesbury, has written a screenplay called The Crooked House.

The ghost story was inspired by the pub's history and Mr Todd, aged 46, believes American audiences will love it.

He said: "There is a real fascination with Englishness and the feedback I have received so far has been great."

It has interested an American production com-pany and filming should start start in October.

It tells the story of an LA-based English film director who buys the Crooked House and moves in with his American wife.

Chain

Soon ghosts start to appear and set off a chain of events, climaxing in a dramatic ending.

While shooting the movie he will also make a documentary about ghosts in the Dudley area – looking in particular at the castle and the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge. A former puppeteer on TV shows such as Live and Kicking and Noel's House Party, Mr Todd moved to LA five years ago after marrying his actress wife Ashley. He said: "On a visit home last year we went to the pub and thought what a great location it would make for a film.

"The more I told people about it, the better the idea seemed, so I got I started to put the wheels in motion."

He contacted owners Wayne and Jason Penn, who admit they needed "no persuading" to take part.

The Crooked House is said to have two ghosts – a young girl referred to as Polly, and a barmaid.

Wayne said: "The pub is well known across the world for the ghosts here and I'm sure audiences will enjoy it."

Left, one of the topsy-turvy rooms. Right, owners brothers Wayne and Jason Penn

Full tilt – the sloping exterior of The Crooked House

New bins on way in shake-up

NEW bins will be rolled out to every home in Sandwell as part of the biggest shake-up of rubbish collection in the borough in two decades.

All 112,000 households will be given a new bin while collection dates will be changed at the end of the month.

Sandwell Council is issuing bins for the first time in 20 years to replace bin bags lining the streets, which are often ripped by animals.

They will be delivered from September to December.

Anger as meeting dates suffer a cut

COUNCILLORS in Dudley are fighting back after the number of area committee meetings giving members and residents the chance to air their views was cut from five to three a year.

Central Dudley Area Committee tabled a motion calling on the authority to rethink the move, branding the cuts "diabolical".

There are five area committees across the borough which used to each meet five times a year. But now they will only meet three times a year.

The decision forms part of the council's cost-cutting plans.

Members decided to take action after a letter was read out from a member of the public, who was concerned residents would not have so many opportunities to ask councillors about issues affecting their areas.

And councillors said it echoed their own fears over the reduction in meetings.

Under the present programme of meetings, the committee will not meet again until October 4 – a period of nearly four months – and after that the next meeting is scheduled for January.

Councillor Malcolm Davis put forward the proposal for calling for the committee to put forward the motion asking the authority to reinstate the axed meetings.

Members agreed to submit the motion to Dudley Council strongly advising the previous five-meeting system be restored.

Lots of fun for Essex

VINTAGE heart-throb David Essex is set to kick off his 2011 tour of smash hit show All The Fun Of The Fair in Birmingham this autumn.

The show hits the New Alexandra Theatre from September 16-18.

Essex is currently appearing in BBC1 soap EastEnders as Eddie Moon before he hits the road.

Inspired by his album 'All The Fun Of The Fair' the musical sees him play funfair owner Levi Lee, coming to terms with the loss of his wife.

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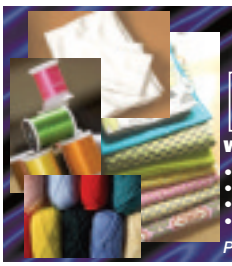

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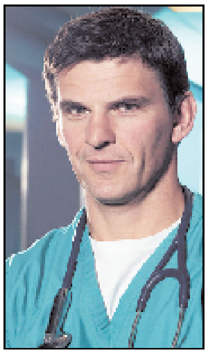

CASUALTY

(BBC1, 8.50pm).

This week, of course, it's no different, as Adam goes to great lengths to prove a point to his colleagues and Jeff and Dixie come to blows over a troubled teen. With Jordan on one of his efficiency drives, it doesn't go unnoticed to him how quickly Adam is processing his patients. Rather than be the pat on the back it was intended to be, though, Jordan's praise leaves Adam frustrated that he's losing focus on his patients. He gets a chance to prove Jordan wrong when an elderly man with terminal cancer is brought in and despite risking the wrath of Jordan and the oncologist, he ensures that the patient has a dignified death in his own home.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Rachel Allen: Home Cooking (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Bargain Hunt. **12.50** A Question of Sport. (R) **1.15** British Olympic Dreams. Featuring swimmer Ian Thorpe. **1.45** Live Athletics. The European Team Championships. **5.40** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.55** Total Wipeout. (R)

6.55 FILM: Kung Fu Panda. (2008) Premiere. Animated comedy with the voices of Jack Black and Dustin Hoffman.

8.00 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Last in the series.

8.50 Casualty. Part one of two. Adam worries he has become too detached from his patients.

9.40 Lee Evans's All Star Cast. New series. Entertainment show with guest James Blunt.

10.20 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.40 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With Sarah Millican, Simon Evans, Jimeoin and Imran Yusuf. (R)

11.25 FILM: Enemy of the State. (1998) Thriller, starring Will Smith and Gene Hackman; Weatherview.

1.45 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: The Journey of Natty Gann. (1985) Disney adventure, starring John Cusack. **1.45** Escape to the Country (R) **2.30** Royal Ascot. **5.15** Film: PT 109. (1963) Fact-based drama, starring Cliff Robertson.

7.00 Flog It! From Plymouth. (R)

7.45 Dad's Army. Wilson joins the aristocracy (R)

8.15 Kennedy Home Movies. Private film footage and memoirs of nannies who looked after the Kennedy children offer an insight into life as a member of one of the 20th century's most powerful families.

9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Jack Dee guest hosts an extended version of the current affairs quiz, with panellists Caroline Wyatt and Jon Richardson joining Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (R)

9.45 The Kennedys: A Culture Show Special. Jonathan Freedland is joined by Tony Badger, John Sergeant, Anne McElvoy and Sarah Bradford for a discussion on John F Kennedy and his family.

10.15 The Kennedys. Drama, starring Greg Kinnear and Katie Holmes. (R)

11.05 The Kennedys. John F Kennedy marries Jackie. (R)

12.40 Film: Evening. (2007) Premiere. Romantic drama, starring Vanessa Redgrave and Claire Danes. **2.40** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** House Gift. (R) **9.55** Coronation Street. **11.55** This Morning Saturday. **12.50** Animals Do the Funniest Things. (R) **1.20** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Film: On the Buses. (1971) Comedy, starring Reg Varney. **3.15** Film: A View to a Kill. (1985) James Bond adventure, starring Roger Moore. **5.50** Regional Programmes.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 You've Been Framed! A to Z. Harry Hill presents an alphabetical rundown of viewers' camcorder calamities and amusing mobile phone footage. (R)

7.15 Odd One In. New series. Comedy game show hosted by Bradley Walsh.

8.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. New series. The magicians challenge guest illusionists to outwit them with mind-boggling tricks, and offer successful performers a gig in Las Vegas.

9.00 The Marriage Ref. New series. Couples take humorous domestic disputes to celebrity panellists, who discuss the merits of each side before deciding which partner is in the right.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 FILM: Notting Hill. (1999) Romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts.

12.40 The Choir That Rocks. (R) **1.40** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.30** In Plain Sight. **4.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Film Show. (R) **7.05** FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) **7.30** MSA British Rallycross Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** T4: Friends (R) **9.30** T4: Hollyoaks Music Show. **9.55** T4: Glee. **10.55** T4: Bad Teacher: T4 Movie Special. **11.55** T4: Friends. (R) **12.30** T4: Style the Nation. **1.00** T4: The Big Bang Theory (R) **1.30** T4: The Big Bang Theory (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.50** Come Dine with Me. (R)

7.20 Come Dine with Me. Toby Young hosts the final night in west London. (R)

8.10 Channel 4 News.

8.35 Wrongblokes. Exploring the issue of placing elderly parents in care homes.

9.00 FILM: Mean Girls. (2004) Comedy starring Lindsay Lohan and Rachel McAdams.

9.00 Camelot. As she prepares for her wedding to Leontes, Guinevere's home is ransacked by raiders and she seeks the king's protection. Drama, starring Tamsin Egerton.

10.05 FILM: Braveheart. (1995) Oscar-winning historical epic, directed by and starring Mel Gibson.

1.25 Film: Night Watch. (2004) Fantasy thriller, starring Konstantin Khabensky and Galina Tyunina. **3.20** Bob's Burgers. **3.40** Hill Street Blues (R) **4.35** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.05** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** The Gadget Show Shorts. (R) **10.05** How Do They Do It? (R) **10.30** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. (R) **11.30** Film: Objective, Burma! (1945) Second World War adventure, starring Errol Flynn. **2.25** Film: None But the Brave. (1965) Second World War adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. **4.40** Film: The Missing. (2003) Western, starring Cate Blanchett.

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket. England v Sri Lanka. Mark Nicholas presents action from day three of the Third Test at the Rose Bowl in Hampshire, as the final match of the series continues.

9.00 NCIS. McGee kills an undercover police officer while on duty and Jenny decides to approve an investigation into the death, placing a strain on her relationship with Gibbs. (R)

10.00 CSI: NY. A vengeful killer wages a cyber war on healthcare workers. (R)

11.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Benson and Stabler investigate the rape of a girl.

11.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Part one of two. Stokes is kidnapped. (R)

12.55 Inside Hollywood.

1.25 SCXTRA. **2.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (R) **4.30** Great Scientists. (R) **4.55** HouseBusters. (R) **5.20** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.30** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.55** Thomas & Friends. (R) **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

6.55 Film: Dante's Peak (1997) Disaster movie, starring Pierce Brosnan. **9.00** Film: Deep Blue Sea (1999) Thriller, starring Saffron Burrows and Samuel L Jackson. Including FYI Daily **11.05** Film: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (1998) Comedy crime thriller, starring Nick Moran, Jason Statham, Jason Flemyng and Dexter Fletcher.

ITV3

2.00 A Touch of Frost **4.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **11.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot

ITV4

2.50 Film: The Boys in Blue (1983) **4.55** Film: Follow a Star (1959) 6.55 The Sweeney **8.00** Minder. Arthur gets arrested after trying to buy a new car. **9.00** Film: Dirty Harry (1971) Thriller, starring Clint Eastwood and Andy Robinson. **11.10** Film: Magnum Force (1973) Action thriller sequel, starring Clint Eastwood and Hal Holbrook.

BBC THREE

7.00 Great TV Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Film: V for Vendetta (2005) Futuristic action thriller, with Natalie Portman. **11.05** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad!

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Art of Tommy Cooper **7.30** BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2011 **9.00** Wallander **10.30** Botany: A Blooming History **11.30** Top of the Pops: 1976

E4

1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Friends **10.00** Film: Employee of the Month (2006)

FILM4

2.50 Murder Ahoy (1964) **4.50** Anastasia (1956) **6.55** Cocoon (1985) Sci-fi drama, starring Wilford Brimley. **9.00** Taken (2008) **10.45** Jason X (2001)

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Sunday TV

Choice

SCOTT & BAILEY
(ITV1, 9pm).
Britain's answer to Cagney and Lacey are back for another troublesome case, this one involving adult-film star Vicky Birkinshaw (Kierston Wareing). She reported her husband missing weeks ago, and is amazed when Syndicate 9 arrive at her front door to arrest her on the suspicion on his murder. Searching for clues, Rachel (Suranne Jones) has to go through Vicky and Gary's homemade pornography collection, but when Vicky's daughter Eve (Alice Grice) turns up with her much older, boyfriend, things take a dark twist. Lesley Sharp also stars.

BBC1

[illegible] Breakfast. [illegible] The Andrew Marr Show. [illegible] The Big Questions. [illegible] Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. [illegible] The Politics Show. [illegible] EastEnders. [illegible] Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) [illegible] Escape to the Country. (R) [illegible] Lifeline. [illegible] Songs of Praise. [illegible] Regional Programme.

[illegible] **Horrible Histories with Stephen Fry.** New series. Highlights from the award-winning sketch show.
[illegible] **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
[illegible] **Fake or Fortune?** New series. Investigating works of art with mysterious origins.
[illegible] **Countryfile.** Exploring the countryside of the North Downs and Surrey Hills. Matt Baker joins Chris Boardman to ride part of the 2012 Olympic cycling road race route at Box Hill.
[illegible] **Case Histories.** Part one of two. Jackson is involved in a railway accident.
[illegible] **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**
[illegible] **Regional Programme.**
[illegible] **[illegible] The Super League Show.** Including highlights of St Helens v Wigan Warriors.
[illegible] **Andrew Marr's Megacities.** Transport routes in heavily populated urban areas. Last in the series. (R) Weatherview.

[illegible] Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) [illegible] Holby City. (R) [illegible] A History of Ancient Britain. (R) [illegible] BBC News.

BBC2

[illegible] CBeebies. [illegible] CBBC. [illegible] Something for the Weekend. [illegible] Flog It! (R) [illegible] Film: Decision at Sundown. (1957) Western, with Randolph Scott, John Carroll and Andrew Duggan. [illegible] Live Athletics. The European Team Championships. [illegible] BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2011. Petroc Trelawny presents the final of the competition. Last in the series.

[illegible] **125 Years of Wimbledon: You Cannot Be Serious.** A history of the annual grass-court tennis tournament, which has become one of the world's most famous sporting events.
[illegible] **Coast.** Nick Crane explores how Dutch engineers created massive coastal defences following the North Sea flood in 1953, which killed thousands of people in Britain and Holland.
[illegible] **Mock the Week.** With Chris Addison, Ed Byrne, Micky Flanagan and Diane Morgan. (R)
[illegible] **The Shadow Line.** Bede tries to complete his final drug deal as Julie's condition deteriorates, while Gabriel learns the truth about Counterpoint and agrees to meet Gatehouse. Last in the series. (R)
[illegible] **FILM: Disgrace.** (2008) Premiere. Drama, with John Malkovich and Jessica Haines.

[illegible] BBC News. [illegible] The Super League Show. [illegible] Close.

ITV1

[illegible] CITV. Mini CITV. [illegible] CITV. [illegible] May the Best House Win. (R) [illegible] Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) [illegible] 60 Minute Makeover. (R) [illegible] This Morning Sunday. [illegible] Dinner Date. (R) [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Survival Tales from the Wild. [illegible] Inspector Morse. (R) [illegible] Midsomer Murders. (R)

[illegible] **Regional Programmes.**
[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**
[illegible] **The Royal.** Dr Ormerod is arrested on suspicion of murder after a patient dies following a visit from him. Dr Ellis holds a clinic at the prison and becomes trapped when a riot breaks out.
[illegible] **Popstar to Operastar.** The remaining six contestants try to master the art of the aria, hoping to secure viewers' votes and impress the judges. Hosted by Myleene Klass.
[illegible] **Scott & Bailey.** A porn star is suspected of murdering her husband.
[illegible] **Popstar to Operastar: The Results.** The two least popular contestants perform again.
[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**
[illegible] **FILM: Bonnie and Clyde.** (1967) Fact-based gangster drama, starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway.

[illegible] The Zone; Shopping and interactive gaming. ITV News Headlines. [illegible] Motorsport UK. [illegible] ITV Nightscreen. [illegible] ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

[illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] That Paralympic Show. (R) [illegible] The Grid. [illegible] Blenheim Triathlon. [illegible] T4: Style the Nation. [illegible] T4: The Crush. [illegible] T4: Hollyoaks. [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Watch 32b. RockCorps: You Decide. [illegible] T4: Glee. (R) [illegible] T4: The Simpsons. (R) [illegible] T4: The Simpsons. (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed. (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed. (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed. (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed. (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed. (R) [illegible] Help! My House Is Falling Down. (R) [illegible] Deal or No Deal.

[illegible] **Channel 4 News.**
[illegible] **[illegible]**
[illegible] **Four Rooms.** The dealers bid for a 7ft-long Victorian stuffed turtle, erotic photographs, hats designed by Vivienne Westwood, and a suit worn by Sean Connery during his tenure as James Bond. (R)
[illegible] **FILM: The Day the Earth Stood Still.** (2008) Premiere. A scientist tries to persuade an alien visitor to Earth that the human race should be allowed to survive. Sci-fi remake, starring Keanu Reeves and Jennifer Connelly.
[illegible] **FILM: Hitman.** (2007) Action thriller, starring Timothy Olyphant.
[illegible] **Stand Up for the Week.** Satirical comedy show hosted by Patrick Kielty. (R)

[illegible] Father Ray Comes Out. (R) [illegible] Dance for Eternity. (R) [illegible] The Private Lives of Pompeii. (R) [illegible] Secret History: The Spanish Armada. (R) [illegible] Ancient Egyptians. (R) [illegible] Men of Iron. (R) [illegible] Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

[illegible] Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R) [illegible] Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) [illegible] Fireman Sam. (R) [illegible] Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) [illegible] Elmo's World. (R) [illegible] Chiro. (R) [illegible] Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) [illegible] Noddy in Toyland. (R) [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] Little Princess. (R) [illegible] The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) [illegible] Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) [illegible] Rupert Bear. (R) [illegible] Olivia. (R) [illegible] The Mr Men Show. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Animal Rescue Squad. (R) [illegible] Police Interceptors. (R) [illegible] The Restaurant Inspector. (R) [illegible] Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) [illegible] Film: Ten Wanted Men. (1955) Western, starring Randolph Scott. [illegible] Film: Operation Crossbow. (1965) Second World War adventure, starring George Peppard. [illegible] Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol. (1987) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Guttenberg.

[illegible] **5 News Weekend.**
[illegible] **Cricket.** England v Sri Lanka.
[illegible] **FILM: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves.** (1991) Action adventure, starring Kevin Costner and Alan Rickman.
[illegible] **FILM: Secret Window.** (2004) Psychological thriller, starring Johnny Depp, John Turturro and Maria Bello.

[illegible] Forensic Files. (R) [illegible] SuperCasino. [illegible] Medic in Moments. (R) [illegible] Great Artists. (R) [illegible] Nick's Quest. (R) [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Thomas & Friends. (R) [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
5.20 Film: King Kong (2005) Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. [illegible] Peter Andre: The Next Chapter [illegible] Paul O'Grady: Lady Gaga Special 11.05 Film: The Interpreter (2004) Political thriller, starring Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn.

ITV3
[illegible] Jane Austen's Emma [illegible] Film: Tea with Mussolini (1999) 6.50 Mr Bean 7.25 Agatha Christie's Poirot [illegible] Film: Air America (1990) Vietnam War comedy adventure, with Mel Gibson and Robert Downey Jr. 11.20 Film: The Accidental Tourist (1988) Romantic comedy drama, starring William Hurt.

ITV4
11.30 British Touring Car Championship. Round live from Croft. 6.00 World's Wildest Police Videos 6.55 Film: Every Which Way But Loose (1978) [illegible] Film: Magnum Force (1973) 11.30 Film: The Enforcer (1976)

BBC THREE
7.00 The World's Strictest Parents [illegible] Don't Tell the Bride [illegible] Little Britain [illegible] World's Craziest Fools 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 Our War

BBC FOUR
7.00 Hairy Bikers? [illegible] Meets [illegible] [illegible] The Car Show [illegible] A History of Horror with Mark Gatiss 10.00 Film: Day of the Dead (1985) 11.35 Festivals Britannia

E4
[illegible] Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance [illegible] Film: See Spot Run (2001) [illegible] Friends 7.00 Smallville [illegible] Friends [illegible] Desperate Housewives 11.00 Being Erica 11.55 The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.55 Tales from Earthsea (2006) 5.10 To Catch a Thief (1955) 7.15 X-Men: First Class Special 7.20 Buffy the Vampire Slayer (1992) [illegible] District 13 (2004) 10.50 Final Destination 3 (2006)

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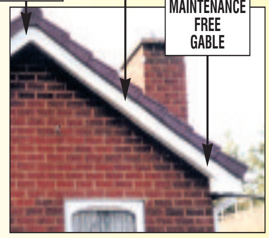

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of day one of the third Grand Slam event of the year. 6.00 BBC News. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Saints and Scroungers. BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Land of the Bandits: Panorama. 9.00 Case Histories. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 In with the Flynns. (R) 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Wonders of the Universe. (R) 1.25 Luther. (R) 2.25 Inside the Human Body. (R) 3.25 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 10.35 Wimbledon Review 2010. 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Wimbledon 2011. The opening day's play at the All England Championships. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2011. Further coverage of the opening day of the championships. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. 9.00 Made in Britain. 10.00 James May's Things You Need to Know. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Kennedy Home Movies. (R) 12.15 The Tudors. (R) 1.10 BBC News. 3.25 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Four of a Kind. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Lethal Weapon 3. (1992) Action thriller sequel, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. 12.45 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.50 Nightwatch with Steve Scott. (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 Sell Mall. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Friends. (R) 9.30 Back to You. (R) 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 12.35 River Cottage Bites. 12.50 Film: The Drum. (1938) Period adventure, starring Sabu. 2.40 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Conservation's Dirty Secrets: Dispatches. 9.00 Embarrassing Fat Bodies. 10.00 Film: She's the Man. (2006) Romantic comedy starring Amanda Bynes and Channing Tatum. 12.05 Music on 4: Biffy Clyro: Live at Wembley. 12.35 Poker. 1.35 24 Hours in A&E. (R) 2.30 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. (R) 3.25 Bob's Burgers. 3.50 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.35 Machines Time Forgot. (R) 5.30 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.55 Sell Mall. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. (R) 12.05 Medic in Moments. (R) 12.15 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 Law & Order. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Film: Home Fires Burning. (1988) Second World War drama, starring Bernard Hughes. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 6.55 5 News at 7. 7.00 Cricket; 5 News Update. 8.00 Police Interceptors; 5 News at 8. 9.00 The Restaurant Inspector. A Northampton eatery with worrying problems. 10.00 Film: Lakeview Terrace. (2008) Premiere. Thriller, starring Samuel L Jackson. 12.15 UFC 131: Main Event. 1.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 Medic in Moments. (R) 4.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Wimbledon 2011. Day two of the All England Championships. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 Luther. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. 10.35 Abused: Breaking the Silence. 11.25 The Scheme; Weatherview. 12.30 Sign Zone: The Animal's Guide to Britain. (R) 1.30 The Country House Revealed. (R) 2.30 Fake Britain. (R) 3.05 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 3.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the second day's play at the All England Club. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2011. Further live coverage from the All England Club. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. Highlights of the second day's play in the All England Championships. 9.00 Three Men Go to Venice. Rory McGrath, Dara O Briain and Griff Rhys Jones travel to the Italian city. 10.00 Lead Balloon. Rick hosts a stand-up comedy workshop. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Coast. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 3.35 Close.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Back to You. (R) 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.45 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.55 Film: The Four Feathers. (1939) Period adventure, starring John Clements. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Four Rooms. 9.00 The Fairy Jobmother. 10.00 Jamie's Food Revolution Hits Hollywood. 11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 12.05 European Poker Tour. 1.10 FIM Superbike World Championship. 1.35 MSA British Rallycross Championship. (R) 2.05 The Grid. (R) 2.30 NOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.55 Blenheim Triathlon. (R) 3.25 Catching the Impossible. (R) 4.15 Demolition Day. (R) 5.10 Man on Earth. (R)

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Wednesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the opening matches on day three. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the third day's proceedings. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Waterloo Road; BBC News; Regional News. 8.30 In with the Flynns. 9.00 The Apprentice. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Not Going Out. (R) 11.15 Film: Extreme Measures. (1996) Thriller, starring Hugh Grant; National Lottery Update; Weatherview. 1.10 Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) 1.40 Country Tracks. (R) 2.35 Saints and Scroungers. 3.05 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 3.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the third day's play. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2011. The third day's play continues at the All England Club. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. Reflections on the third day's play at the All England Championships. 9.00 Afghanistan: War without End? John Ware examines the last decade of conflict. 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Three Men Go to Venice. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 3.35 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Fons in Paradise. 8.00 Lewis. (R) 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Kids Are Alright. 11.35 Baby Hospital. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Film: True Crime. (1999) Crime thriller, starring Clint Eastwood. 4.40 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Back to You. (R) 9.50 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Kirstie's Homemade Home. (R) 1.05 Film: The Thief of Bagdad. (1940) Fantasy adventure, starring Sabu. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 Desperate Housewives. 11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats. 11.50 Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. 12.40 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. 12.55 Music on 4: 4Play: Foster the People. 1.10 Music on 4: 4Music Favourites: Avril Lavigne. (R) 1.35 Film: My First Mister. (2001) Drama, starring Leelee Sobieski. 3.30 Conservation's Dirty Secrets Dispatches. (R) 4.25 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.55 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 9.30 CBeebies. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Wimbledon 2011. Day four gets under way at the All England Club. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2011. Further live coverage of the fourth day's play. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. A round-up of the fourth day's play. 9.00 History Cold Case. New series investigating the remains of 17 people discovered in Norwich. 10.00 Mock the Week. With Chris Addison, Stewart Francis and Ava Vidal. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Afghanistan: War without End? (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 4.25 Close.

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Channel 4 6.05 Sell Mall. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Back to You. (R) 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Kirstie's Homemade Home. (R) 1.05 Film: Jungle Book. (1942) Adventure, starring Sabu. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Help! My House Is Falling Down. 9.00 Born to Be Different. 10.00 The Sex Researchers. 11.05 King Of. 11.50 The Film Show. 12.25 Style the Nation. (R) 12.55 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Introduces – Parade. 1.10 Music on 4: 4Play: Kaddy. (R) 1.20 The Model Agency. (R) 2.15 Film: The September Issue. (2009) Documentary profile of American Vogue editor Anna Wintour. 3.50 I Hate That Smile. (R) 3.55 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.50 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.15 Countdown.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.55 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage from the grass courts of the All England Club. 3.25 CBBC. 5.50 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage through to the close of play on day five. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. 9.00 The Kennedys. 9.45 Glastonbury 2011. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.05 Glastonbury 2011. 2.00 Close.

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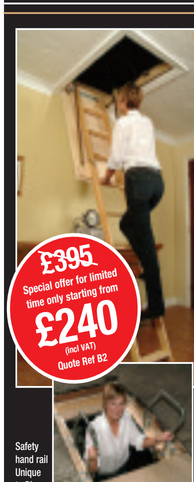

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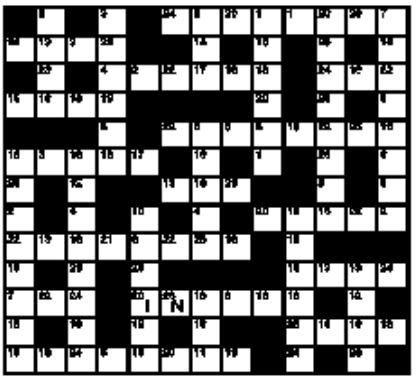

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. If you want to make it, you will (8)
8. Fabulous bird in a trade! (3)
9. Was uneasy jarring, having a house on the pavement (6,6)
11. Collects in the rags, perhaps (7)
12. Buy one a drink for medical purposes? (6)
13. Flag officer? (8)
15. Staff provided to help the disabled (8)
17. Sailor returned to show an old card game (6)
18. Took the meeting and was carried off triumphantly (7)
20. A case perhaps for harmless pursuits (11)
22. A word in Latin's stave (4)
23. He is known in society for caring for money (8)

Down

2. Time for some other adventures (3)
3. Put out on trial, we hear (6)
4. This sin normally succeeds (6)
5. A fortuous town dier (7)
6. Order a grill to members (7,4)
7. Made one's mark as a main runner? (8)
10. He's after a feline with a ship of leather – calamity! (11)
11. Barge rate turned out to be a rate nominal! (6,4)
14. Attempt to picket a trail, but lose one's nerve? (2,2,3)
16. A shipping company, we hear, to make a profit (6)
19. Fly from a ship (6)
21. The rate that has been deducted before (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Inestimable (8)
8. Passess (3)
9. Excitement (11)
11. Birthspace (7)
12. Exult (6)
13. Haste (6)
15. Lower (6)
17. Mark of omission (6)
18. Foretell (7)
20. Doubtfulness (11)
22. Heart (3)
23. Efforts (8)

Down

2. Decay (3)
3. Dazzy out (6)
4. Exultant (6)
5. Gravel (7)
6. Comfort (11)
7. Measure (8)
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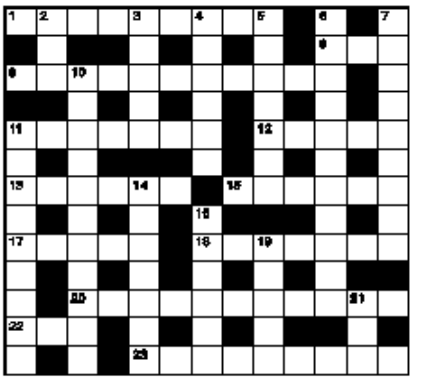
18. Precise (6)
21. Tawny (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS.
CRYPTIC: Across: 7 Sandra, 8 Sarcasm, 10 Lounge, 11 Sulky, 12 Rude, 13 Outed, 17 Sound, 18 Prop, 22 Mouse, 23 Tinkle, 24 Hobbits, 25 Subset. Down: 1 Outlaw, 2 Pressure, 3 Stress, 4 Fabulous, 5 Stable, 6 Relax, 9 Consents, 14 Outside, 15 Sometimes, 16 Spikes, 19 Slings, 20 Handy, 21 Ships. QUICK: Across: 7 Stable, 8 Cellar, 10 Regular, 11 Tuna, 12 Cross, 13 Mad, 17 Stay, 18 Spy, 22 Sins, 23 Crowd, 24 Solid, 25 Slogan. Down: 1 Outrid, 2 Purple, 3 Still, 4 Partial, 5 Alert, 6 Cross, 9 Anxious, 14 Stroll, 15 Strange, 16 Telling, 19 Alone, 20 Rigid, 21 Cull.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS :-

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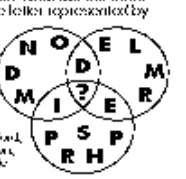
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION
The letter represented by the question mark is R. Hereford, Longhorn, Friesian, all breeds of cattle.

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23 AVON ROAD
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Modern detached bungalow ■ lounge, kitchen, utility room ■ one bedroom, possible 2nd bedroom/dining room ■rear garden with patio area ■ car port, d/g, c/h.

HALESOWEN
104 WHITTINGHAM ROAD
£595 pcm

Extended semi detached close to Halesowen Town Centre ■ front lounge, substantial breakfast kitchen, gfwc, ■ three bedrooms ■ main bathroom with shower ■ rear garden with decked area ■ private parking, c/h, d/g.

STOURBRIDGE
118 WORCESTER STREET
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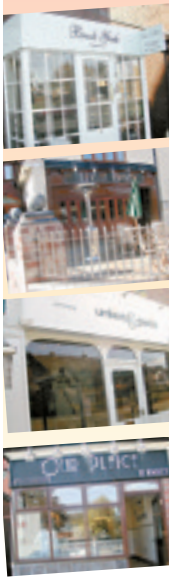

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Modern home has panoramic views

COMMANDING what the agent describes as "spectacular elevated views from the rear", this modern detached home is in a sought after location with easy access to the countryside.

This three/four-bedroomed home, in Maidendale Road, Kingswinford, is finished to a high contemporary standard with central heating and uPVC double glazing throughout. It is also well placed for access into Stourbridge or Wolverhampton.

Estate agent Taylors is managing the sale of this stylish home via its Kingswinford office, inviting offers based upon £214,950.

This three- or four-bedroomed detached home has been finished to a very high standard

Porch

On the ground floor, the house is set well back from the road behind an almost full-width driveway and path leading to a double-glazed main entrance.

Steeping through a porch into a hallway, there are stairs leading down to the lower ground floor and a loft access hatch.

In the impressive full-width lounge, measuring 18ft 4in x 10ft 7in, wide patio windows allow spectacular panoramic views of the surrounding area and leads out onto the balcony. This room also has a flame-effect gas fire with mahogany surround.

A separate dining room or fourth bedroom four measures 9ft 7in x 7ft 8in and is a versatile space with French doors to the front driveway and a light wood style floor.

In the spacious fitted kitchen, with dimensions of 15ft 5in x 8ft 1in, there is a range of light oak units, incorporating a sink unit, recess and plumbing for a washing machine, cupboard storage space below, an illuminated cooker hood, integrated fridge, integrated freezer and a breakfast bar with a tall, larder-style unit alongside.

Bedroom three is located on this floor, measures 8ft 9in x 8ft 7in and has full-width shelving/hanging space and a light wood-style floor.

In the refitted house bathroom, there is a classic white suite with chrome fittings, comprising a panelled bath, pedestal wash basin and a low-level WC.

On the lower ground floor, there is a hallway with an airing cupboard and a further door opening into a large walk in storage area/wardrobe.

Measuring 12ft 2in x 9ft, the master bedroom has uPVC patio-style windows to the conservatory, fitted wardrobes, cupboard storage space and a light wood-style floor.

In the second bedroom, measuring 9ft 6in x 9ft 2in, there is a uPVC double glazed window to the rear, light wood-style floor and a large walk in wardrobe/store. Approached from the master bedroom, the conservatory has patio doors to the rear garden and a light wood-style floor.

In the shower room, a classic white suite includes a shower cubicle, low-level WC, wall-mounted wash basin and an extractor fan.

At the rear of the house, what the agent describes as a "thoughtfully planned" landscaped rear garden has a paved patio with gate and steps to the entrance porch. Beyond the patio, there is a gate and steps to a large gravelled area, incorporating a barbecue, various specimen plants and shrubs. A gate at the side gives access to a storage area, timber shed and pergola/seating area.

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Park View is described as a stunning collection of luxurious homes

HOUSEHUNTERS purchasing one of the new homes available on Park View in Prospect Row, Dudley now have the opportunity to win a £1,000 Thomas Cook holiday voucher and £500 holiday spending money.

Midlands-based homebuilder, Burson Land, is awarding this prize to the first lucky purchaser who reserves one of the remaining two-bedroomed detached properties and completes by the end of August 2011.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for local homebuyers," says Mark Burkes, director of Burson Land's new homes division.

"If they are the first to exchange and complete on their purchase at Park View before the end of August, they will also have the opportunity to book a fantastic holiday of their choice."

Quickly

With just a few properties left at Park View, the developer advises buyers to move quickly to stand a chance of securing one of the new homes and winning a holiday.

Burson Land describes Park View as a stunning collection of luxury new homes designed to a high specification.

The homes include fully fitted kitchens and bathrooms, off-road parking, gas central heating and double glazing.

And, for added piece of mind, buyers will also receive an NHBC builders guarantee with their new home.

Voucher

Detached properties at Park View, Prospect Row in Dudley start at £127,950.

The show home is open every Saturday between 11am and 4pm.

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Model T Ford experience was such a thrill

By Iain Dooley

THERE'S nothing like stalling a car at a set of traffic lights and watching a queue of impatient drivers wait for your next move to bring you back down to earth with a bump.

Thankfully I didn't have to lift a finger – I had a man jump out and turn the starting handle for me. This was a driving lesson with a difference.

When a car has three pedals, including reverse in the centre and the brake on the right plus a hand throttle, it's best to take expert advice before mixing it with more modern metal.

And that's exactly what I did before taking to the roads of Dagenham in a Model T. In case you didn't know, Ford in the UK is 100 years old.

It's a happy coincidence that the firm has launched its all-new Focus "world car" this year, and its arrival is a good opportunity to take the wheel of what started it off all those years ago.

The Model T's inception and subsequent lengthy production run is a story in itself.

What's just as interesting is how cars have both changed out of all recognition yet in many ways have stayed the same since Ford's original world car broke cover.

To drive, the Model T appears to be simplicity itself. In reality, at least to a vintage car novice, things couldn't be more different.

The lack of convention – the pedals are a prime example – prompts you to concentrate doubly hard, while the car's hand throttle and long-throw handbrake-cum-gear selector demand a new level of dexterity.

Get it right, though, and the feeling of achievement is a special one. Get it wrong and you've most likely stalled the car or have found yourself travelling a bit too fast for that 20th-century speed hump. The car's brakes are, shall we say, modest by current standards.

After a brisk drive around the local area – including a trio of stalls – it was back into a BMW 5 Series. A simple push of a button turned over its super-efficient six-cylinder turbo diesel motor. Contrast that with a few, firm turns on a starting handle and the need to keep your thumb out of the way in case the handle kicked back.

Respect

The experience was both exciting and humbling. 20mph felt twice as fast thanks to the car's lack of roof and basic windscreen. It also generated a lot of respect for those early motorists. I was out on a sunny day, but imagine having to contend with wind, rain or worse on a regular basis. Even with the roof in place, the protection offered was minimal. No question, those early adopters were a hardy bunch.

It's true that we've never had it so good when it comes to the technology and refinement of modern cars. But when you examine something like a Model T, you realise that little has changed. There's still a wheel at each corner and one for the driver to hold, drive to the engine is via a shaft and the fundamental technology behind the Model T's engine is closer to that 5 Series than BMW would like to admit.

I'm not demanding my own personal jetpack but I do hope the next 100 years sees a bigger leap in car design.

Flying the flag – a Model T Ford on the road in Edinburgh during a vintage parade

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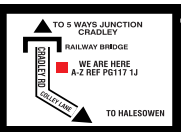

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Kia's smallest car offers stronger performance with lower fuel consumption and CO2 emissions than its predecessor, more style with higher quality, more space and steps forward in safety and luxury.

The car goes on sale with new 1.0- and 1.25-litre Kappa-family petrol engines, which deliver fuel consumption improvements of up to 8.5mpg with CO2 reductions of as much as 15g/km.

The larger engine is available with Kia's EcoDynamics fuel-saving technology – an Intelligent Stop & Go (ISG) engine stop/start system, or, alternatively with an automatic transmission.

The three-cylinder 1.0-litre unit has a combined fuel economy of 67.3mpg. The 1.25-litre four-cylinder version of the Kappa engine is offered in three guises. In standard form it averages 60.1mpg. With a four-speed automatic transmission fuel consumption is 53.3mpg. Finally, there is the EcoDynamics version with fuel consumption at 65.7mpg.

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The Kia Picanto five-door has four trim grades, badged 1, 1 Air, 2 and 3. Standard features include body coloured bumpers, mirrors and door handles, electric front windows, Radio/CD player, trip computer and an immobiliser. A height-adjustable driver's seat and tilt-adjustable steering column provide driver comfort and there are six airbags. A 60:40 split folding rear seat allows rear luggage space to grow up to 870 litres (VDA).

The Picanto 1 Air provides an option for those customers who want air conditioning.

Picanto 2 adds additional equipment such as Bluetooth connectivity, with voice recognition and full iPod control with USB & AUX ports – both of which can be operated by the steering wheel controls – and electrically operated, heated and folding door mirrors with integrated LED side repeaters.

Air conditioning, rear electric windows, 14" alloy wheels, front fog lights, leather steering wheel and gear lever, alarm system, premium black upholstery and chrome exterior detailing complete the package.

The top-of-the-range 3 spec adds premium features such as automatic air conditioning, heated front seats, a 6-speaker stereo system, 15" alloy wheels, body-coloured side skirts and automatic headlights with LED daytime running lights and unique LED rear lamps.

As with all new Kias, a seven-year or 100,000 miles fully transferable warranty is standard on every new Picanto.

Under chief design officer Peter Schreyer, Kia has undergone a design metamorphosis in recent years. The new Picanto sees a change of direction. Where the previous model was regarded as "cute" and "feminine", the new model has muscular wheel arches, low and wide rocker panels and wide-set alloy wheels on the two upper trim levels. The front end blends into strongly sculpted and dynamic sides which emphasise the car's strength and maturity and give it a premium presence.

Later this year the five-door Picanto will be joined for the first time by a three-door version. Inside there are sophisticated trim materials. The new Picanto comes with revised running gear which gives good ride and handling.

All versions have electronic stability control (ESC), anti-lock brakes (ABS), electronic brake-force distribution (EBD) and emergency brake assist system (BAS).

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7 year / 100,000 mile manufacturer's warranty. See your local dealer or visit www.kia.co.uk for full warranty terms and exclusions. Model shown is 1.25 New Picanto 3 (5 Door) @ £11,195 On The Road (OTR). OTR prices include VAT, number plates, delivery, 12 months' Government Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) and Vehicle First Registration Fee. Metallic/mica paint is available at an extra cost of £415 (including VAT). Price correct at time of going to press and specification is subject to change without notice. *Depending on your mobile phone contract, mobile data charges may apply. If in doubt consult your mobile network provider.

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Why we're so much better off with women behind the wheel

Danger ahead ~ men are much more likely to be involved in road accidents than women are

MEN are more dangerous than women on the roads, yet more likely to rate themselves confident drivers, according to a new survey.

Men are more likely than women to be involved in crashes because of bad driving habits such as speeding and drink-driving, according to the Institute of Advanced Motoring's research report – Licensed to skill: Contributory factors in road accidents.

Men are nearly twice as likely to be involved in a collision due to carelessness, recklessness or being in a hurry.

They are also more likely to crash because of poor behaviour or inexperience.

The main differences highlighted in the report are:

- Careless, reckless or in a hurry is recorded more frequently for men (10 per cent) than women (six per cent).
- Travelling too fast for the conditions is recorded more frequently for men (seven per cent) than women (four per cent).
- Poor driving behaviour or inexperience is recorded more frequently for men (14 per cent) than women (10 per cent).

Research by the IAM shows that women and men aren't so different when it comes to driving behaviour and attitudes. Most men and women enjoy driving, and rate themselves to be confident, considerate and safe. But almost twice as many men as women claim to be "very confident" drivers.

IAM chief executive Simon Best said: "These results show that we need to look at the psychology of male drivers to reduce risky behaviour and over-confidence, but for both sexes accidents could be easily reduced by improving driver skills and lives could be saved. The government is moving towards this by introducing driver training for careless driving offences but all drivers should consider training."

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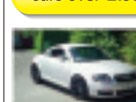

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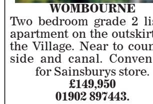

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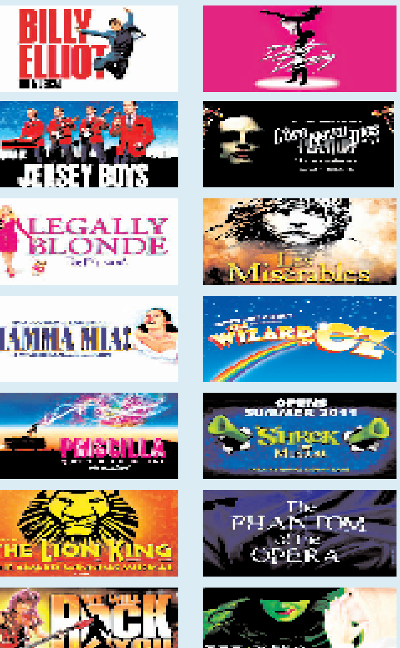

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FUNNY attractive black female 35yrs seeking kind male, 40-55 for fun romance, TLC and titles known. Call to find out more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362127

SLIM feminine brunette 22, big brown eyes, attractive, active and a mouse, looking for older male for fun, TLC and more 30-58. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362050

ELEGANT genuine black whole been hurt in the past seeks tall handsome male to be his Mr Right and much more, 40-55yrs, any race/looks. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362323

BLACK attractive female, 34, slim, N/S, seeks genuine male for friendship, maybe more. Holly. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362021

SFT fine female, CSRCH, seeks 50 fine plus, well built male with CSRCH for fun, fun, fun. W/Midlands. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362749

FUN female, unfettered, civil servant, attractive, sensuous build, CSRCH, seeks tall, professional, N/S male with CSRCH for relationship W/Midland. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362485

DARK haired female 25yrs, a little shy at first, looking for understanding man to enjoy special times with. Age/looks unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362337

JAN 35yr old live eyed blonde, outgoing, friendly, WLTM guy to share good wine, good conversation, dining and fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362333

YOUNG looking blonde lady who loves music, dancing and romancing seeks intelligent great. Looks/status unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362331

OPTIMISTIC Shropshire lass, slim, gorgeous, seeks good looking gent, 40-50 with CSRCH. Bridgnorth area preferred. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362033

LITTLE bit nice and definitely a little bit naughty! Imaginative curvy blonde seeks male for kisses and cuddles. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362423

SUSSLY female, 42, young at heart, honest, caring, likes outdoors, cinema, theatre, meals out, seeks dominated male/best mate, 40-50. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357909

42YR old Staffordshire 5ft 7ins, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks genuine, caring guy interested in films, meals out, country walks, gardening and travel, 45-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362320

PROFESSIONAL independent lady, 40, slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sensual, genuine male with CSRCH for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362331

WHITE 54yr genuine male in West Bromwich female, divorced, easygoing, seeks fit medium male, 50-60 for LTR. Can travel preferred. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362355

SHROPSHIRE lady, 34, likes country side, sea, travel, cooking, sewing, fixed up form, seeks special genuine gent for nice meals. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362427

CARING and honest lady 37, 5ft 2ins, WLTM easy going and honest gentleman. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357985

SLIM 32yr old blonde, kind, caring, good humoured, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362373

KIND romantic, loving lady, slight disability, seeks genuine male for romance. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357751

SUE attractive, slim, 50's, green eyes, varied interests, locally, CHAC, seeks special guy. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362537

FEMALE 57, slim, 5ft 4ins, genuine, caring, seeks special male who is genuine and caring. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356761

SLIM professional, attractive, sensible lady, 55, seeks genuine, affectionate, professional gent, 55 plus with CSRCH and enjoys the good things in life. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356417

SHROPSHIRE female 40, seeks special local male to share life with. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355959

PROFESSIONAL lady, young 50, fashionable, pleasant, kind, likes country side, outdoors, holidays, family life, seeks pleasant, committed Christian male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356403

OPEN friendly Christian female, professional, seeks kind, caring, Christian male for friendship and more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348867

LINDA 47s, likes theatre, dancing, seeks nice gent for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355897

YOUNG looking, pretty female, 40, romantic, slim, motivated, N/S, seeks similar, refined male for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 313115

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329373

ATTRACTIVE female, 42, slim, brunette, motivated, N/S, likes travel, nights out, weekends away, seeks slim male for possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327579

RACHEL dark hair, tattooed, single mum, genuine, slim, petite, affectionate, sensitive, seeks special male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356755

CURVY red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks able male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 377432

SIA is beautiful! Female looking for someone to share a life time of happiness with. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362528

WIDOWED lady 70's, likes country side, travel, seaside, seeks nice gent to spend time with. Shropshire Area Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362093

CATS GIRL gardening, friendly, educated geek inspired by nature lovers and soulful lady to share sunny days and starlit nights in my hilltop cottage. Shropshire. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362357

BLACK female, medium build, mother of two, WLTM lady pal, 30-40, N/S with CSRCH for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348702

OUTGOING sociable young female, 39, enjoys books, blue pubs, clubs, bowling, cinema, seeks pal, 33-45. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362760

BLONDE tanned female, locally, 49, CSRCH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 324852

LOVING caring young 50's old female, 5ft 2ins, slim size 12, brown hair, likes music out, CSRCH, sensitive, seeks slim, smart male with CSRCH, 54-62. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 324457

FEMALE likes weekend, cinema, nights in, seeks male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361377

WENDY dark hair/eyes, medium build, seeks male for friendship and see what happens. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361589

LADY 70's, seeks pal of similar age for friendship, days out and holidays. Oxley area. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361043

HELEN 33, non child, blonde hair, 5ft 8ins, slim, attractive, likes swimming, dancing, seeks male, 28-53 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337399

MICHELLE black British, 30, curvy, slim, size 12, 5ft 5ins, sociable, friendly, understanding, loving, seeks male, 30-35 to enjoy romantic nights. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317045

KIND romantic, loving lady, 43, slight disability, seeks genuine, caring male for relationship. Telford. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354533

ATTRACTIVE female, 45, slim, affectionate, intelligent, seeks honest, caring male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327485

GENUINE caring, mid 30's female, many interests, CSRCH, seeks kind, genuine, loyal male for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327755

SLIM curvy blonde, 44, professional, seeks tall, professional male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 177291

28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330013

ATTRACTIVE glamorous, black female, young 43, seeks male for friendship/dating and LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 331709

PETITE dark haired lady 43, size 10, seeks romantic male, N/S male, 25-50 for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334651

WEST Bromwich female, late 50's, neat, romantic, easygoing, seeks active, genuine male, 45-60 for LTR. Cities permitted. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339759

LIZ 45, slim, green eyes, likes gardening, walks, seeks male with CSRCH for friendship and good chatter. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 336767

YOUNG at heart lady, mid 70's, seeks male friend to enjoy outings and companionship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 335321

TRACEY seeks special NS, easygoing, loving, caring, loyal male to share life with. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 335737

PRETTY size 8 female, 18, seeks male to spoil and treat like a Princess. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 335019

GENUINE West Bromwich female, sensitive, many interests, seeks fit male, clean, professional for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334341

LADY 50, slim, CSRCH, likes cooking, nights out, seeks genuine guy, 50-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 333133

WIDOW black hair, green eyes, likes countryside, pubs, music, nights in, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 332237

BLACK female, 38, seeks male, 30-50, adventurous, fun loving, daring and caring. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327355

SUE Bow meets cat, dancing, pool, darts, snooker, squash, camping, travel etc, seeks fun loving male with similar interests. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 331339

FEMININE pro up 70, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 315795

YOUNG bubbly black lady, likes wining/dining, seeks mature male for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 323690

ATTRACTIVE widow, 5ft 8ins, CHAC, CSRCH, likes music out, holidays, WLTM gent, 70-80 for friendship and happiness. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330481

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LADY N/S, own owners, seeks handy, retired gent with old fashioned values for friendship/days out and holidays. Stourbridge. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354133

YVETTE pretty, stylish, medium, 48, out going, bubbly, sporty, seeks male for nights in/out. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351997

SHROPSHIRE female, 40, seeking friendship/relationship with a genuine male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 353071

ATTRACTIVE mature, 48, 5ft 8ins, curvy, walks, country, WLTM attractive male of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341479

72YR old widower, smart, likes travel, conversation, dancing, cooking, missing that special man in his life who is easy going and N/S. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341285

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, 45s, seeks honest, caring, genuine male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340651

53YR old female, young at heart, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, pubs, walks, holidays, seeks genuine, hardworking male, 48-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339275

ATTRACTIVE Tall, black female, 5', 8", slim medium build, kind, honest, romantic, loves home, seeks genuine, tall, faithful, 34 plus male, 45-70 with own home for serious relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334021Y

PRINCE wanted, must be 6ft, loving, caring and honest, must have home but 50's and attractive. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337465

MATURE widow, likes night seeing, travel, gardening, easygoing, seeks gent, 60-68 for friendship and companionship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 333226

WEST Midlands female, 47, attractive, slim, divorced, N/S, seeks slim, clean, attractive male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 343795

LISA 32, size 8, seeks male, 32-48 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348713

PROFESSIONAL tall, slim, attractive, bubbly genuine lady seeks tall, professional, genuine guy, 40-50. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 215244

BLONDE attractive, educated lady, tall, slim, curvy, 47, seeks tall, professional, 40-52. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362478

MAUREEN seeks male 32-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 323543

LADY 73, N/S, caring, dependable, WLTM gentleman, 70-78 for outings, holidays, day trips and friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340021

WIDOWED female, 65, likes socialising, holidays, meals out, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339765

ATTRACTIVE slim female, 54, divorced, faithful, 5ft 5ins, medium, young at heart, seeks genuine, nice looking, clean male, 52-62. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 333315

FEMALE medium build, seeks nice N/S male, 40-42 for fun and friendship, maybe more. West Midlands. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337035

60YR old lady, young at heart, divorced, medium build, likes kisses, cuddles, seeks gent, 50-62 with CSRCH and similar likes. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334827

FEMALE 52, 5ft 2ins, divorced, likes walking, dancing, cinema, meals out, seeks genuine, N/S male, 50-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 175714

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MALE 42, 5ft 8ins, warm, intelligent, hardworking, unsentimental, unpaid-for gifts, likes books, museums, days out, laughing, seeks sensitive, intelligent female. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362097

MALE 57, attractive, pleasant, seeks like minded female for fun and good times, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362021

ATTRACTIVE professional, Asian gent, 5ft something, fit/active, walks, wine, seeks attractive, special lady 30-50 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362095

SINCERE kind male, young 60's, intelligent, caring, likes outdoors, theatre, film, seeks attractive female, 50 plus with style, wit and a sensitive side for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362343

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ROBERT slim, intelligent, N/S, 50's, seeks attractive, younger female for uncomplicated friendship and fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 312448

42YR old guy, seeks female, 30-40 for LTR. Country. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362275

BLACK male, 50, young looking, likes nights in/out, seeks female, 28-50 for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362493

70YR old Staffordshire male, seeks company of lady 55-60 for friendship/companionship and to visit the Midlands, own owners, can travel. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362297

ATTRACTIVE male, N/S, easygoing, no fixed, seeks female, 35-43 for friendship, hopefully LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362327

SINGLE guy seeks nice lady for fun, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364395

AFTAR 43, kind, caring, likes days in/out, seeks female, 28-40 for fun, maybe more. Sutton Coldfield. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362653

43YR old male, black hair, fit, bubbly, seeks special female for fun, cuddles and maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362205

SPORTY good looking guy, 37, CHAC, good job, likes music out, pubs, cinema, nights in, seeks attractive female, 27-42. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364833

ALFIE 44, black hair, seeks female, any age for fun, friendship, cuddles, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362287

SHY male 45, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, non drinker, N/S, no fixed, very lonely but in post, female, 20-40 with CSRCH. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 325385

37YR old caring male with sapiens eyes shows, looking for a deep meaningful relationship, loves classical music and theatre. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362721

HONEST male, 42, CHAC, likes seaside trips, gardening, meals out, pubs, WLTM honest lady, any age. Shropshire. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362227

MALE late 40's, medium build, N/S, seeks female, 30-40 for friendship. Shropshire. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354703

MALE 49, sensitive, caring, warm, body builder, seeks slim, attractive, genuine soul mate in the local area. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362717

BUSINESSMAN 35, 5ft 11ins, shaved head, successful, seeks lady 25-40 for friendship leading to relationship. Wolverhampton. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362709

THOMAS 38, 6ft, dark hair, brown eyes, seeks lady, 35-50 for fun, maybe LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362671

FRANKIE 37, seeks female, 35-50 for fun, maybe more. Wolverhampton. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362663

GARY 34, 6ft 2ins, dark hair, blue eyes, seeks female for fun and LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362288

MALE 45, 5ft 8ins, medium build, seeks genuine female, 35-55 in Telford area. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362571

MIKE 40, slim, young looks, seeks female, 35-50 for friendship and going out. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362651

ATTRACTIVE real girl wanted, 40 plus, N/S. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362481

HAPPY fit active guy, 50's, likes sports, walks, meals out, theatre, weekends away seeks nice, attractive female to share outings with. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362047

ROBERT male, 40, seeks female for good times, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362057

BRIAN 30 single Walsall male, WLTM local lady having similar needs, hopefully slim medium build. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362620

WALSALL male, 57, youthful, young looks, honest, loyal, caring, seeks similar female view to cuddling lovely days and nights forever. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362027

TALL handsome male, 47, CSRCH, likes romantic days/nights in/out, WLTM attractive, down to earth, young lady, 35-55, size unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348617

ROBERT 53, national trust member, honest, caring, likes most sports, travel, theatre, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more. Stafs. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357067

BARRY slim 50, 5ft, clean, good looking, active, seeks female. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361471

YOUNG 50yr old male, tall, fit, friendly, seeks similar lady for friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361439

MALE 50, tall, fit, young looks, seeks special lady 50-58. West Bromwich. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357741

WHITE male 50, seeks lady interested in naughty indoor fun and a lasting friendship. Any age/looks/nationality. Wolverhampton. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357555

gay/friends seeking

GLORIOUS male, WLTM professional male fit male who stands out from the crowd, must be discreet. W Midlands. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362433

31YR old gay male, own home, seeks male, 18-35 for fun mates. Wolverhampton. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362590

MALE 34, attractive, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks slim male for fun relationship. Any area, can travel. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317302

43YR old CD male, WLTM similar or understanding guy for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362327

CAROLE seeks female friend to have some fun with. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362287

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Bowlers in charge as Stourbridge win once more

Worcester (0pts) 106, Stourbridge (20pts) 107-1. Stourbridge won by nine wickets

Stourbridge CC

RELENTLESS Stourbridge firsts notched up another 20 points to stay top of division one of the Worcester league.

Home skipper Richard Bradley, with one eye on possible intervention by the weather, put the visitors in after winning the toss.

Worcester found Stour's opening attack of James Musk and Jitesh Patel problematic. Oliver Peppiatt was first to go, pinned lbw for two by Musk running in from the football end.

Patel then bowled skipper Daniel Mckay for 18 just as he was looking set.

Worcester were looking to maintain a reasonable run rate only for Dave Jones to replace Musk and rip through three of the Worcester batsmen in quick succession. He bowled Jack Horton for a duck, had opener Nick Brown caught for 19, and bowled Matty Walters for nine.

Captain Bradley kept one end tied up with the leg spin of Audy Alexander and at 63-5 applied the coup de grace by bringing on Matt Bradley for the successful Jones.

Crumbled

The lower order crumbled as Bradley dismissed Cameron Williams (14), Dan Keyte (four), James Padden (0) and bowled Luke Deeprose for five. Simon Keyte remained not out 21 to end a forgettable performance from Worcester who were dismissed for 106.

Matt Bradley ended with 4-14 and Jones 3-24. Stourbridge's reply after tea brought immediate celebrations for Worcester's Matt Walters who dismissed opener Alex Bingham for eight in the third over.

But that was as good as it got for Worcester as Matt Bradley and Josh Banks set off in quick pursuit of the target.

Bradley hit 40 not out off 44 balls and Banks's unbeaten 50 came off 40 balls and included eight fours and a six.

Stour reached the finishing line in just 15 overs and remain in the hunt for the league title.

Stourbridge (4pts) 230-6, Hagley (20pts) 234-1. Hagley won by nine wickets

Stourbridge seconds suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Hagley. Put in to bat Stour accumulated 230-6 off 50 overs with opener Ian Biddle hitting 57, young Ben Mantom 42 and Matt Ross missing out on the half-century by one run.

In the field, Stour came up against Hagley batsman Ben Wooldridge who smashed the bowlers all around Hagley Hall Park. He virtually won the match single-handed in making a splendid 161 not out as Hagley got home in the 33rd over.

Ross on Wye (10pts) 293-7, Stourbridge (4pts) 167-7. Draw

Stourbridge thirds' bowlers were unable to stem the flow but their batsmen held out for a draw.

Stourbridge skipper Peter Griffiths won the toss and inserted Ross on Wye in a game reduced to 48 overs per side due to rain. The first three Ross batsmen were all in the runs as James Tiffen (68), Harry King (54) and Graham Howls (51) gave Stour's fielders the run around.

The visitors amassed 293-5 but Stourbridge batted steadily to reach 167-7 with Chris Norgrove's 60 providing the backbone of the innings.

Will Jennings contributed 35 as Stour never looked in any real danger of being bowled out on an easy paced wicket.

Ross on Wye (24pts) 238, Stourbridge (5pts) 132. Ross on Wye won by 106 runs

Stour fourths made the long journey to play Ross on Wye seconds who made 238 off 45 overs. Skipper Stuart Tucker contributed an unbeaten 90 with David Long making 53 in support.

Sixteen-year-old Areeb Mohammed took a fine 5-42.

Stour's young side struggling were all out for 132 with youngsters Heran Patel (20) and Billy Green (31) topping the scoresheet.

County players' mixed fortunes

THREE members of Stourbridge Chess Club were in county action at the weekend.

On Saturday, the Worcestershire team for players graded under 140 played Hampshire in the national semi-finals.

Worcestershire lost 9-7 in a close-fought encounter.

Of the three Stourbridge players Jeremy Humphries won, Paul Sharratt drew and John Loynes lost.

At the Stourbridge club's AGM the President's Cup, awarded for services to the club, went for the seventh consecutive year to secretary and treasurer Dave Scriven.

The Denis Fernihough Trophy, awarded for most improved player, was shared by Paul Sharratt and Colin Woodall – both relative newcomers to the club whose play has improved tremendously throughout the season.

Friendly

The Sydney Willets Trophy, awarded to the best club player, was presented to Jeremy Fallowfield who put in an excellent performance as board one for the first team in both the Birmingham and Wolverhampton leagues.

The annual post-season friendly Tony Evers match against Halesowen will be held on July 6 at the Stourbridge Institute.

The club's summer tournament, a five-round competition using Swiss pairing, is now under way.

The system means all players have the opportunity to compete in each of the five rounds and are paired against an opponent with the same score.

The second round is on June 23.

Anyone interested in joining Stourbridge Chess Club should contact Dave Scriven on 01384 423642 or visit www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk for more information.

Southgate signals a wind of change within football

FOOTBALL changed and left England behind. Now the country is fighting back. Picture the scene: Fabio Capello's national side is crumbling. A 32-year-old Frank Lampard is outshone by Arsenal starlet Jack Wilshere in Saturday's lacklustre 2-2 draw with Switzerland.

Against the Swiss it was the senior players who let the side down, the last of the 'golden generation' struggling to convince others they are more than fool's gold.

The failures of the last decade – now standing at three World Cups and one European Championship (not forgetting the inability to qualify for Euro 2008) – serve as reminders of the deficiencies.

The FA is driving through changes in our game with former Aston Villa defender Gareth Southgate spearheading the campaign. NICK MASHITER caught up with him at the Banks's Stadium in Walsall to talk about the future.

English football needs life. The complacency and stubbornness which have dogged the game in this country because of its history have become the biggest noose.

Yet even though Germany and Spain have dashed ahead in terms of youth development – something recognised by Football Association – they are not out of sight.

At Walsall's Banks's Stadium on June 7, coaches from across the West Midlands quizzed FA youth chiefs Sir Trevor Brooking and Gareth Southgate about proposed changes to the grassroots game.

The FA's Youth Development Review is a planned overhaul of grassroots football which, it is hoped, will revolutionise the game. The focus is on improving the enjoyment and technique for kids and head of elite development Southgate insisted the plans are vital to the future.

"There are no guarantees we will win something because of this but I'm pretty certain, if we don't do it, we won't win anything," said the former Villa and England defender.

"Historically we've had a certain style and beliefs. When I played international football there were so many occasions where the other teams were technically better than we were.

"We've always produced a few technically good players – Gascoigne, Scholes, Rooney – but if we had injuries our talent pool wasn't large enough.

"People are rightly raising the question now, why aren't we technically playing the same way as the Spanish, Portuguese or Italians? I think there's a generation of fathers saying this is what they want for their kids."

The under-21s start their Euro 2011 campaign against Spain in Denmark on Sunday with all eyes on Stuart Pearce's kids.

Henri Lansbury, Daniel Sturridge and Marc Albrighton are the young pretenders to England's tired old guard but may fall to the weight of expectation and limitations which hampered their predecessors.

Similar

It's not an overnight fix and Brooking, the FA's director of football development, admitted England are still years behind their international rivals.

He said: "Germany were doing it 10 years ago and had similar investment so this is a five or 10- year plan.

"It's a long-term thing. We're working with the Premier League and they are happy to buy into the changes.

"If we're helped by the Premier League we could transform it in five or 10 years."

Trevor Brooking is on a mission to transform the Premier League

Gareth Southgate unveils his plans at the Banks's Stadium in Walsall

Battling Karlsson fights in vain

Wolves' Peter Karlsson leads Darcy Ward and Renat Gafurov as he battles in vain to save his side from defeat at Poole

Poole 56 Wolves 36

WOLVES had a welcome 10-day break from club action after this mauling in Dorset on Wednesday last week.

Of course, such is the modern game that riders were still jetting round to matches in Sweden, Poland et al.

But the break until the cup match at Eastbourne on Saturday (June 18) could not have come at a better time.

Ludvig Lindgren had a horrifying smash at Wimborne Road while Tai Woffinden, already nursing his injured shoulder, collected his fifth fall in two meetings. They looked a team in need of a break to regroup.

Actually, Wolves attacked this fixture at the league's strongest side with plenty of zest, epitomised in the very first heat by Ty Proctor's surprise win.

The Aussie jetted out of the start and found the pursuing Dennis Andersson unable to lay a finger on him.

Top guns Fredrik Lindgren and Chris Holder were left to fight over the third-place scraps, a three-pass dogfight that was eventually resolved in favour of the Swede.

Christian Hefenbrock's inadvertent 360 degree spin enabled Wolves to split the reserves' race, and wins for Woffinden and the evergreen Peter Karlsson on a dusty and bumpy surface meant Wolves were still within eight points after heat nine.

But they had no punch at reserve, a problem underlined by the need to cover for Ludvig Lindgren after his heat 10 wipeout.

Door

Woffinden tried to cover Holder's burst out of turn two but could not manage it, Andersson also getting past on the inside.

Into turn three and Woffinden just about got round Holder for second but acted fractionally too late in trying to shut the door, clipped the Aussie and took a heavy tumble on the home straight. The younger Lindgren, at full speed, did wonderfully well to miss the fallen rider but hit his machine and took a sickening fall and was knocked unconscious.

Poole cantered home after that with Lindgren's concerned elder brother Fredrik suffering a rare winless night, his double-point tactical outing netting only four points thanks to Darcy Ward.

But the excellent Karlsson managed to put a dent into the scorechart of every home rider he faced at one time or another.

Wolves' second tactical ride should have gone to Woffinden in heat 14 – his easiest outing of the night, duly won.

But a suspicion of blurred vision from his crash initially put his further participation in doubt, so Karlsson had to carry the flag in the horribly difficult heat 13 and promptly had his one unsuccessful ride out of five.

Poole: Darcy Ward 12+1, Davey Watt 10+1, Chris Holder 10, Renat Gafurov 9+2, Dennis Andersson 7+2, Jason Doyle 7+2, Christian Hefenbrock 1.

Wolves: Peter Karlsson 11, Fredrik Lindgren 7, Tai Woffinden 6, Ricky Wells 4+1, Ty Proctor 4, Ludvig Lindgren 2, Tyson Burmeister 2.

Woffy in the GB line-up

WOLVES star Tai Woffinden has been named in Great Britain's five-man line-up for next month's Speedway World Cup campaign.

Woffinden and his GB colleagues tackle world champions Poland, Russia and Czech Republic at King's Lynn on Monday, July 11.

The winners go straight to the final in Gorzow, Poland with the second and third teams earning a race-off.

Great Britain: Chris Harris (Belle Vue), Scott Nicholls (Swindon), Tai Woffinden (Wolves), Eddie Kennett (Coventry), Ben Barker (Birmingham/Plymouth).

Sandwell through

Sandwell 93 Stoke 75

SANDWELL took the honours on a cold and wet Sunday when they beat Stoke to go through to the next round of cycle speedway's British Team Championship.

Both sets of riders deserved praise for riding in the rain which fell all afternoon and worsened as the match went on.

It was not an afternoon of great racing but it had its moments, Lewis Bates for Stoke again showing how happy he is on Sandwell's track.

Lee Smith, Sandwell Lions' young international, defied the rain to top score for his side with 16 points.

Open day at tennis club

A BLACK COUNTRY tennis club is looking for new members.

Old Hill Tennis Club, based in Barrs Road, Cradley Heath has competitive teams for both adults and juniors.

The club's men's and ladies' teams have both recently gained promotion and the club has had floodlights installed.

Old Hill is staging an open afternoon on Sunday, June 26 from 2-4pm with new members welcome.

For further information, call 01384 566466.

No damage for lucky Lindgren in smash

WOLVES rider Ludvig Lindgren appears to have suffered no long-term damage from a terrifying crash at Poole.

The Swede was knocked unconscious in a top-speed smash on the home straight in heat 10.

He had miraculously avoided the fallen Tai Woffinden but clipped his teammate's machine before smashing head first into the track and finishing up prone on the centre green.

Team boss Peter Adams went to hospital after the match with Lindgren's elder brother Fredrik and found the rider in good spirits. "He doesn't think he's done any damage," said Adams. "He was complaining about pain in his shoulder and neck.

"They were putting him into a neck collar to go home and he reckoned that was causing all the discomfort. Once they took that off, he was quite chirpy!

"He doesn't remember anything about the lead-up to the crash," added Adams.

"He reckons he's never been knocked out before – and he doesn't want to try it again."

Lindgren is extraordinarily lucky. He was incapable of speech when anxious skipper Peter Karlsson approached him after the smash.

"He couldn't really say anything," said Karlsson. "I tried to talk to him, but there was no response.

"It's the worst that can happen, if something happens on the straight. You've got no room to manoeuvre, no brakes, nothing. You're just a passenger.

"I didn't see the crash, but I heard he did very well to miss Tai. But he copped it himself."

Karlsson was left to rue a bright spot of sorts in his side's defeat at Poole – the glare which caused Tai Woffinden's first crash.

It meant a six-point swing in a rerun heat and Karlsson felt it was a pivotal moment.

"We had them, really," he said. "Tai crashed because of the sunshine. We couldn't see anything for the first five or six races."

sport

Hundred swimmers taking aim at record

SWIMMERS from clubs including Halesowen and Stourbridge are attempting to seize a Guinness world record currently held in Germany.

One hundred swimmers aged from 14-19 will swim 100 metres freestyle in a giant relay.

They are looking to beat the current world mark of one hour, 53 minutes and 13 seconds.

The swimmers take to the water at Wolverhampton's Central Baths on Sunday (June 19) after the county relay competition.

Wolverhampton City Council has donated the pool time while Worcester County Swimming Association is taking care of the technical support.

Backing

There is also backing for the event from Amros Promotions and Swimrite, which are supplying hats and T-shirts to all the swimmers.

In addition, the record bid has won financial backing from the West Midlands Amateur Swimming Association, Hi-Profile Custom Extrusions Ltd, Bennett's Farmhouse Ice Cream, Marshfield Farm Ice Cream and Stratford Fine Foods Ltd.

As well as the money coming in, competitors are also hoping to see plenty go out. They are all trying to get sponsorship for their record attempt, with the funds raised split between Midlands Air Ambulance and Worcestershire Breast Unit Campaign.

The following clubs are participating: Bromsgrove, Droitwich, Evesham, Haden Hill, Halesowen, Ledbury, Oldbury, Pershore, Redditch, Ross, Stourbridge, Warley Wasps, Worcester and Wyre Forest.

Anyone interested in providing corporate or personal sponsorship should call Neil on 07786 154411 or Sarah on 07860 731602.

Alternatively, email neilmonkhouse@hotmail.co.uk or sarah.allin@o2.co.uk

HIMLEY NARROW GAP ON LEADERS

HIMLEY closed the gap on table-toppers Barnt Green after beating Wellington and the weather.

Stuart Wedge's side were the only top flight winners on a rain interrupted afternoon with their four-wicket victory moving them within four points of the leaders.

Richard Jones took 3-41 to help dismiss Wellington for 166 with Shafiq Ahmed's unbeaten 39 then steering Himley home.

Kidderminster held on for a losing draw against Shrewsbury. Craig Wood (44) and Dan Pyke (41 not out) were the mainstays for Kidderminster as they finished on 174-9 in reply to Shrewsbury's 211-9 – Mark Mansell picking up 4-58.

Worcestershire's Moeen Ali was the star turn as Wolverhampton bagged a winning draw from their clash with fellow Premier Division strugglers Smethwick.

Ali struck a classy 110 to help Wolverhampton to a challenging total of 292-5.

Ali's New Road colleague Aneesh Kapil (50) and stand-in skipper Simon Lycett (48 not out) provided support.

In a rain-affected clash, Smethwick reached 142-4 in reply.

Jack Manuel made 45 as Walsall staved off defeat at Moseley, finishing on 140-9 in reply to the home side's 207-8.

Ateeq Javed (71) and Jeet Raval (60) were in the runs as West Bromwich Dartmouth posted 251 against Leamington.

Saved

But Leamington took the winning draw as they made 160-1.

The weather saved Wombourne from probable defeat at Bromsgrove in Division One.

Liam Hughes and Ian Walker struck half-centuries for Wombourne as they posted 241-7, but Bromsgrove were well placed on 174-3 when the rain came. Worcestershire's Alexei Kervezee made a rapid 81.

Old Hill fell just short of victory against Brockhampton.

Nigel Davenport (37) and Carl Whyte (32) made useful contributions as Old Hill scored 232-9.

Zafran Ali then bagged five wickets for Old Hill but Brockhampton survived on 192-9.

Fordhouses bagged a second successive Division Two victory following a tense seven-run win over Water Orton.

An undefeated 74 from Ijaz Yousaf took Fordhouses to 176-9 before Surinder Sharma (4-45) shone with the ball as Water Orton were bowled out for 169.

Birmingham and District Cricket

Australian Jake Lehman top-scored for Cannock as they had to settle for a losing draw at home to Ombersley.

Lehmann's 51 helped Cannock to 214-6 but Ombersley took the majority of the points as they replied with 206-8.

A stunning individual performance from Chris Pearce powered Brewood to a comprehensive seven-wicket success against Coleshill in Division Three. He bagged 5-52 with the ball as Coleshill were dismissed for 178 and then struck 96 not out to guide his side home.

Crashed

The win left Brewood third in the table, 11 points off top spot.

Penn were rolled out for 88 as they crashed to a 10-wicket defeat at the hands of leaders Barnards Green.

Lichfield had to settle for a winning draw from their clash with Handsworth.

Chris Sarginson hit 47 in Lichfield's 217-9. Gareth James then grabbed four wickets for the visitors but Handsworth (184-9) hung on to deny them victory.

In another clash badly affected by the weather Wednesbury claimed a winning draw at Studley due to a faster run rate, finishing on 109-8 in reply to the hosts' 175.

Shining season for Lamp's Villa

Trophy time – Dudley Villa players gather for their end of season awards ceremony with silverware on show

A DUDLEY pub football team is celebrating the end of an incredible season in which it claimed four trophies.

Dudley Villa, based at The Lamp Tavern in High Street, won the Dudley Metro Cup, Kidderminster League Cup, Kidderminster Hospital Cup and Kidderminster Saturday Division One Cup.

Manager and coach Lee Wheeler labelled the team's success a once in a lifetime achievement. "We have a fantastic team playing some great football," he said.

The club is now looking for new sponsors for next season.

Enormous

Lee added: "Success is expensive; we need to raise funds constantly and are looking for additional sponsors.

"The Lamp has given us an enormous financial boost by supplying all our after-match catering, a free venue and use of their main function room for our fundraising."

All four cups were put on display recently when the players held their end of season awards ceremony at The Lamp Tavern.

The pub is run by Batham's and their director Matthew Batham said: "We are very excited to be helping this team.

"The Lamp has been their home for nearly three months now and they have gone from success to success."

Hard work for umpires as rain tumbles down

COMPLICATED timing calculations for umpires were the order of the day in the Worcester Cricket League as rain caused several delayed starts.

But **Division One** sees Stourbridge asserting themselves as potential champions after five wins in seven completed matches, ***writes Chris Marsh.***

They brushed Worcester aside for 106 and racked up a nine-wicket victory, giving them a 24-point lead over Worcester Nomads.

The Nomads and rock-bottom Redditch endured a frustrating afternoon with the covers on and off numerous times.

Whirlwind

But after Redditch made 153 a whirlwind 129 not out from Liam O'Driscoll, who reached his century in 38 balls, helped the Nomads home in fewer than 15 overs.

Elsewhere Pershore were unable to shift the last Romsley batsman while Bromyard also held up Astwood Bank's progress.

Oldswinford climbed to fourth, beating Droitwich thanks to Tony Brewer's 107 and Pedmore thrashed Bewdley by 167 runs.

In **Division Two** Colwall and Monmouth both slipped up enabling Hagley to climb to the summit.

Belbroughton beat Malvern thanks to 123 from Geoff Day; Netherton won by one wicket at Kidderminster and Burghill got the better of their draw at Worcester Dominies.

In **Division Three** Rushwick beat Chaddesley to stay 18 points clear. Alvechurch sit second after a win over Old Vigornians thanks to Jim Clifford's 126. Andy Siwicki's 123 not out was good enough for Stourport to beat Lye, while Enville beat Cookley and Birlingham overcame Himbleton.

In **Division Four** leaders Tenbury could take only a losing draw and Alveley's win over Martley closed the gap to eight points.

Alveley overtook Stourbridge Social, who drew with Tenbury, while Barnards Green beat Brintons. Himley are fifth thanks to a winning draw at Amblecote and the final game saw Peter Andrews make 104 for Canon Frome who drew at Avoncroft.

Division Five still has Old Hill thirds out in front despite their game at Barnt Green being abandoned at tea. They head Bromsgrove by just six points.

Bowled over by a chance to be active

ONE of Tipton's longest running bowls groups is looking for new participants to join them for a game.

The group hold weekly bowls session for all ages and abilities at Tipton Sports Academy on Wednesbury Oak Road.

Sessions take place on Thursdays from 10am until noon, costing £1.55.

Lisa Rashid, Physical Activity Officer for Sandwell Leisure Trust, explained that the sessions have been set up to encourage older people to become more active.

"A lot of people don't realise that an activity such as bowls is considered as a form of physical activity and could add to their recommended 5x30 minutes of exercise per week," she said.

Social

"It's also a great way to meet new people and have fun!

"There is currently a group of participants who attend from Age Concern that really enjoy the session and combine physical activity with being social and meeting their friends."

For more information visit the website www.slt-leisure.co.uk or call Tipton Sports Academy on 0845 659 4815 and select option five.

Lisa Rashid, right, with bowler Gini Lawrence

Pickard lands a dream deal

THE local boy who got a speedway bike for Christmas has now received his best gift yet – a Wolves contract.

Wordsley-born Jaimie Pickard was a boyhood fan of the shale game who eventually tackled it for real.

Now 21, the Newport man has switched to Wolves to become the club's second current Black Country asset, alongside Ashley Morris.

"My dad used to go to Cradley Heath when I was young," said Wordsley-born Pickard.

"We also used to go to Coventry and Wolves now and again.

"When I was about 15 or 16 I thought 'I would love to have a go at that.'

"One Christmas my dad bought me a bike!"

It was a classic dilemma for parents keen to support their son's interest but wishing it was one with less potential for danger.

"Mum and dad never wanted me to do motorcycles," added Pickard.

"My dad says he misses the days when he had to buy me a pair of football boots every year!"

Pickard made steady progress in the sport's third tier, turning out for Newport and Plymouth.

But this season at Stoke in the National League he has kicked on despite riding in the difficult number two spot, adding double-figure scores away to Hackney and Newport to three home maximums as well as finishing halfway up the field in the British under-21 final.

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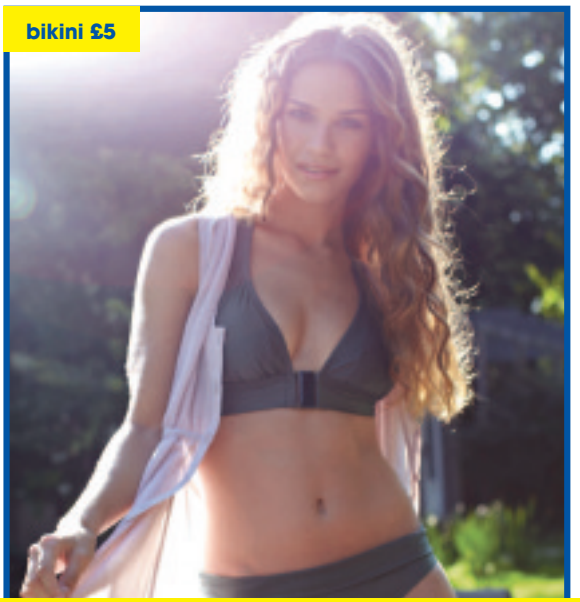

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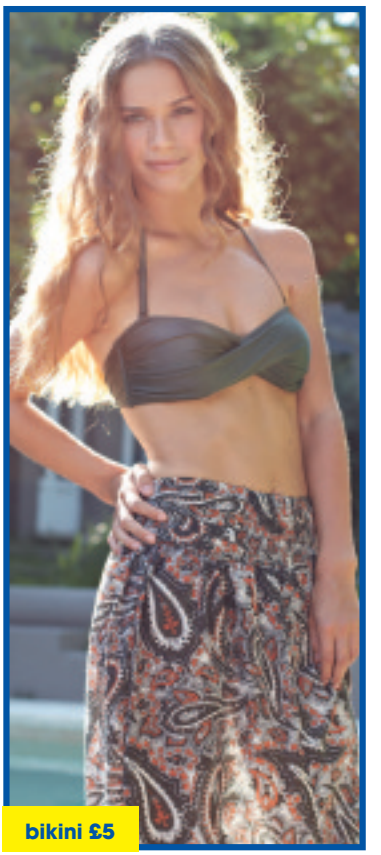

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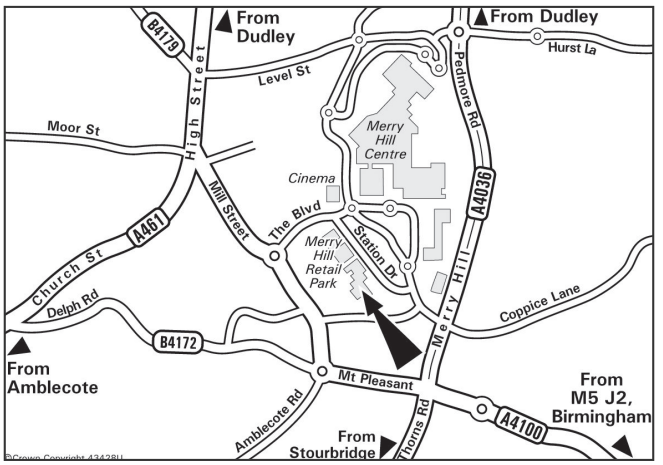

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